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NOTE BY COMMITTEE

The 1918 edition of the Constitution being exhausted, a new edition was authorized by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communications of 1926 and 1927.

Certain changes and corrections were also authorized and the form now presented approved.

The important changes and additions to this volume as compared with the 1918 edition are:

1. A new and more elaborate index to the Constitution and Regulations.

2. Installation services of subordinate Lodges.

3. The Digest of Approved Decisions of Grand Masters and Rulings of the Grand Lodge.

4. References in Constitution to Approved Decisions.

Under some sections of the Constitution there will be found references in small type to the Approved Decisions which are in the back of this volume. The Constitution has been interpreted by Grand Masters and the Grand Lodge since 1882, consequently your committee believes these references will prove of great value. It will also be noted that the Approved Decisions refer to sections of the Constitution.

A number of blank pages have been provided at the back of the Constitution for the purpose of inserting additions or amendments.

Heretofore the Approved Decisions were printed in separate pamphlet form. They have been

brought down to and including the decisions approved at the Annual Communication in 1926. The index has been revised to include the additional decisions. As no criticism of the Approved Decisions has been brought to the attention of your committee during the past five years, we are of the opinion that the same has met with the approval of the members of the Grand Lodge and we have therefore eliminated therefrom the prefatory note to the original edition and references to the Collated Decisions of 1912. Several blank pages are provided for the purpose of inserting additions or changes in the Approved Decisions.

The committee hopes and trusts that this new edition will make easier a reference to the Constitution by the Worshipful Masters and Brethren; that it will meet with their approval and result in bringing "More Light from the East."

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

M.·. W.·. GRAND LODGE

OF

Free and Accepted Masons

OF ARIZONA

PART I.

Of the Organization of the Grand Lodge

ARTICLE I.

OF ITS TITLE AND SEAL.

SECTION 1. This Grand Lodge shall be entitled "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona."

Sec. 2. It shall have a Seal—bearing such devices and inscriptions as by it shall hereafter be determined—which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

ARTICLE II.

OF ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

SECTION 3. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of a Grand Master, (whose address shall be *Most Worshipful,*) a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden and a Junior Grand Warden, (whose addresses shall severally be *Right*

Worshipful,) a Grand Treasurer and a Grand Secretary, (whose addresses shall be *Very Worshipful,*) a Grand Lecturer, a Grand Chaplain, (whose address shall be *Very Reverend,*) a Grand Orator, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Grand Bible Bearer, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, two Grand Stewards, a Grand Pursuivant, a Grand Organist, and a Grand Tyler, (whose addresses shall severally be *Worshipful;*) together with all Past Grand Officers and Past Masters of this jurisdiction, and the Masters and Wardens of the several chartered and duly constituted Lodges, or the representatives thereof duly elected as provided in Sec. 173, Art. II, Part VII.

Sec. 4. Each officer and member of the Grand Lodge must be a member of some Lodge within its jurisdiction. With the cessation of such membership shall cease his office and membership in the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 5. No member of the Grand Lodge shall be represented therein by proxy.

ARTICLE III.

OF ITS POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 6. The Grand Lodge is the Supreme Masonic Power and Authority in Arizona, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government—legislative, executive, and judicial—limited only by a strict adherence to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and by the provisions of its own Constitution and Regulations.

Sec. 7. Its legislative powers extend to every case of legislation not expressly delegated by itself to the Lodges; and the Constitutions and Regulations, which it has an inalienable right to adopt and promulgate at its own convenience, and to alter, amend, or repeal at its own pleasure, under the limitations therein imposed, are final and binding upon all Lodges and Masons within its jurisdiction, until so altered, amended or repealed.

Sec. 8. Its executive powers include the granting of dispensations and charters to establish and perpetuate Lodges within Arizona, and in other Territory where no Grand Lodge exists; the revocation or suspension thereof; the issuing of special dispensations for all purposes permitted by any of the provisions of this Constitution; and the exercise, generally, of all such authority as may be necessary to carry its own legislation into complete effect.

Sec. 9. Its judicial powers are of two kinds:—

1st. *Original*—Including the decision of all controversies between any of the Lodges, or between one of them and a member or members of another; and the enforcement of discipline upon its own members and upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction; and,

2d. *Appellate*—Embracing the revision of all matters of controversy or discipline, proper for Masonic investigation, which may have arisen in any of the Lodges, and over which it has not retained original jurisdiction.

ARTICLE IV.

OF ITS COMMUNICATIONS.

SECTION 10. The Grand Lodge shall hold its Annual Communication for the transaction of its regular business commencing on the second Tuesday in February of each year, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Sec. 11. Special communications may be ordered by the Grand Master whenever in his opinion the welfare of the Fraternity shall require it and shall be ordered upon an application therefore in writing, setting forth the causes which demand it and signed by Masters of at least three Lodges.

Sec. 12. Every order for a Special Communication shall designate the object thereof, so far as is proper to be written, and, unless such Communication be called merely for the performance of some Masonic ceremony, shall be issued to each Lodge and Grand Officer at least thirty days before the day named for meeting, and no business shall be transacted thereat other than that for which the Grand Lodge was especially convened.

Sec. 13 The officers or representatives of at least three chartered Lodges shall be present in order to transact any business in the Grand Lodge either at an Annual or Special Communication; but upon occasions of ceremony only, the Grand Master, or his duly authorized representative, with a sufficient number of brethren to fill the stations and places, may at any time open the Grand Lodge and perform the ceremonies for which it was convened.

(See Dec. 30.)

Sec. 14. Repealed.

ARTICLE V.

OF ITS ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 15. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer and one or more of the four elected Trustees of this Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot at each Annual Communication thereof, and shall be installed before its close, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

Sec. 16. All other Grand Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, immediately after his installation, at each Annual Communication; shall be properly invested before the close thereof; and shall hold their respective offices during his will and pleasure.

Sec. 17. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any elective office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall have power to fill the same by appointment, which appointment shall be valid until the succeeding annual election and installation; and the officer so appointed shall be charged with all the duties and responsibilities of one regularly elected.

ARTICLE VI.

OF ITS VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 18. All questions in the Grand Lodge, except election of officers, shall be decided either *viva voce* or by a show of hands; unless, before

the announcement of the result thereof, three members shall demand that the vote be taken by yeas and nays, in which case it shall thus be taken.

Sec. 19. Each Grand Officer present, whether elected or appointed, (except the Grand Tyler,) and each elective Past Grand Officer present, shall be entitled to one vote.

(See Dec. 54.)

Sec. 20. Each Lodge represented shall be entitled to three votes; and the Past Masters of each Lodge shall, collectively, be entitled to one vote.

(See Dec. 53, 54.)

Sec. 21. No Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, or Past Master, voting or participating in a vote, in either of those capacities, shall vote or participate in a vote, in any other of them; but either of such members may, as Master, Warden, or Representative of a Lodge, cast also the vote or votes to which such position shall entitle him.

(See Dec. 53, 54.)

Sec. 22. When a lodge shall be represented by only two of its proper officers, the officer highest in rank may cast two of its three votes.

(See Dec. 54.)

Sec. 23. When a Lodge shall be represented by only one of its proper officers, or by a representative, such officer or representative may cast all the votes to which it is entitled.

(See Dec. 53, 54.)

Sec. 24. In all cases of a tie vote, except votes by ballot, the Grand Master, in addition to his proper vote, may have the casting vote.

(See Dec. 54.)

ARTICLE VII.

OF ITS COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION 25. The following regular committees, to consist of three members each, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at each Annual Communication, as soon as practicable after its commencement, viz.: On Credentials, on Finances, on Charters, and on By-Laws of Lodges, the duties of which committees shall cease at the close of such Communication.

Sec. 26. The following standing committees, to consist of three members each, shall also be appointed by the Grand Master at each Annual Communication, just before its close, viz.: On Jurisprudence, on Grievances, on Correspondence, and on Returns, the duties of which committees shall continue during the year thereafter, and shall cease at the close of the next succeeding Annual Communication.

Sec. 27. Special committees may also be appointed by the Grand Master, whenever it may be deemed necessary by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 28. No business of any kind shall be finally acted upon until after reference to and report upon by a committee, unless by unanimous consent; and no appropriation of money shall be made until after reference to and report upon by the Committee on Finances.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF ITS REVENUES AND THEIR SOURCES.

SECTION 29. The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be derived from the following sources:

1st. From fees charged for dispensations, charters, diplomas, and other documents issued under its authority.

2d. From contributions levied upon the Lodges, which shall always be equal and uniform, in proportion to their membership and degrees conferred; and

3d. From the funds, dues, and proceeds of all property of dissolved Lodges within its jurisdiction.

Sec. 30. The following shall be the fees charged as above:

1st. For a dispensation to form a new Lodge, the sum of seventy-five dollars.

2d. For a charter to perpetuate a Lodge, the sum of fifty dollars.

3d. For a dispensation to hold an election of an officer or officers at a time other than that prescribed in Sec. 101, Art. I, Part IV, the sum of ten dollars.

4th. For a dispensation to ballot for a candidate for the degrees, without the reference to a committee prescribed in Sec. 78, Art. III, Part III, the sum of ten dollars.

5th. For a dispensation to receive and act upon the petition of a rejected candidate for the degrees, within a less period than the twelve months prescribed in Sec. 77, Art. III, Part III, the sum of ten dollars.

6th. For a dispensation to receive and act upon the petition for degrees of a person belonging to

the army or navy of the United States, who may not possess the qualification of residence prescribed in Sec. 77, Art. III, Part III, the sum of ten dollars; and

7th. For a diploma of any kind, the sum of one dollar, except when issued for the widow or children of a deceased Mason, in which case there shall be no charge; but no diploma shall issue except upon the presentation to the Grand Secretary of a Certificate from the Secretary of a Lodge in one of the forms prescribed in Sec. 174, Art. III, Part VII.

Sec. 31. In no case shall either of the foregoing documents be issued until the fees therefor shall have been paid to the Grand Secretary.

Sec. 32. The following contributions shall be paid as annual dues by each of the Lodges, whether chartered or under dispensation, at the time and in the manner provided in Sec. 67, Art. II, Part III:

1st. For each degree it shall have conferred during the year, the sum of one dollar.

2d. For each Master Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual report, the sum of one dollar.

3rd. For each Master Mason borne on its roll at the date of its annual report, the sum of fifty cents, which amount shall be placed to the credit of a fund to be known as the "Masonic Home Fund," and shall be used only in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

4th. Provided that no Lodge shall be required to pay Grand Lodge dues or other per capita tax for members borne upon its roll but to whom no dues are charged by the Lodge.

And the Grand Lodge may levy, in addition to the above, such other contributions as in its judgment may be required.

(See Dec. 82d.)

Sec. 33. In case of the dissolution of a Lodge, the Grand Secretary, or some brother by him duly authorized, shall at once proceed to receive its funds on hand, collect its outstanding dues, and dispose of its jewels, furniture, and other property of every kind, in such manner as shall seem to him most judicious; and he shall place the proceeds thereof, after the payment of all just debts and necessary expenses, among the funds of the Grand Lodge.

PART II.

Of the Grand Officers and Their Powers and Duties.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 34. The Grand Master, during the interval between the Communications of the Grand Lodge may exercise all its executive powers as defined in Sec. 8, Art. III, Part I, except the granting of charters. By virtue of these, authority is given him, among other things:

1st. To grant dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, under the regulations prescribed in Sec. 60, Art. I, Part III.

2nd. To grant dispensations for the holding of election of an officer or officers at times other than the regular period prescribed in Sec. 101, Art. I, Part IV, under the regulations provided in Sec. 102, Art. I, Part IV.

(See Dec. 50.)

3d. To grant dispensations to ballot for and confer the degrees upon candidates without the reference of their applications to committees, as prescribed in Sec. 78, Art. III, Part III, under the regulations provided in Sec. 79, Art. III, Part III.

4th. To grant dispensations to receive and act upon the petitions of rejected applicants for the degrees, within a less period than the twelve

months prescribed in Sec. 77, Art. III, Part III, under the regulations provided in Sec. 79, Art. III, Part III.

5th. To grant dispensations to receive and act upon the petitions for degrees of persons, belonging to the army or navy of the United States, who may not possess the qualifications of residence prescribed in Sec. 77, Art. III, Part III, under the regulations provided in Sec. 80, Art. III, Part III. (See Dec. 9.)

6th. To convene any Lodge, preside therein, inspect its proceedings and compel its conformity to Masonic usage.

7th. To arrest the charter or dispensation of any Lodge, for good reasons shown and suspend the operations thereof until the next Annual Communication.

8th. To suspend the Master of any Lodge from the exercise of the powers and duties of his office, for good reasons shown, until the next Annual Communication.

9th. To require the attendance of and information from any Grand Officer respecting matters appertaining to the duties of his office; and

10th. To appoint Representatives near other recognized Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit Representatives from them.

Sec. 35. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master—

1st. To preside in the Grand Lodge at all its Communications.

2d. To present, at each Annual Communication, a written message, therein setting forth all his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Order.

3d. To constitute all chartered Lodges, either in person or by a duly authorized representative, in accordance with the ancient usages and regulations.

4th. To exercise a general and careful supervision over the Craft, and see that the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge are strictly maintained, supported, and obeyed; and

5th. To discharge all the necessary executive functions of the Grand Lodge when that body is not in session.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND GRAND WARDENS.

SECTION 36. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties at all the Communications of the Grand Lodge, and, in his absence, to preside therein; and, in the event of the death of the Grand Master, or of his absence from the jurisdiction, or of his inability from any cause to perform the functions of his office, the Deputy Grand Master shall succeed to and be charged with all his powers and duties.

Sec. 37. It shall be the duty of the Grand Wardens to assist the Grand Master at all the Communications of the Grand Lodge and, in his absence and that of the Deputy Grand Master, to preside therein in the order of their rank; and in case of the death, absence from the Jurisdiction, or inability, as before, of both their superiors, the Grand Wardens shall, in the order of their rank, succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Grand Master.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 38. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer:

1st. To receive all moneys, belonging to the Grand Lodge, from the Grand Secretary; to give him duplicate receipts therefor; and to keep in proper books, a just account thereof.

2d. Repealed 1926, Page 607, Proceedings.

3d. To pay all orders drawn upon such funds and moneys, under such regulations as may be provided by the Grand Lodge.

4th. To attend the Grand Lodge at all its Communications and the Grand Master when required, with the books and all necessary papers appertaining to his office; and also, if required by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, to attend, with such books and papers, upon any committee which may be appointed to act in relation to the fiscal concerns of the Grand Lodge; and

5th. To report at each Annual Communication, a detailed account of his receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the latter; and to present a statement of the existing condition of its property and finances.

Sec. 39. He shall execute and file in the office of the Grand Master, within fifteen days after his installation, an official bond, in such penal sum as the Board of Trustees may determine and with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as provided in this Constitution, and, at the end of his term, pay over and transfer to his successor all funds or property of the Grand Lodge which shall come into his keeping. If the Grand Treasurer shall give a corporate surety bond, the fee or premium therefor shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 40. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Lodge may direct.

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Section 41. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary—

1st. To record all the transactions of the Grand Lodge which it is proper to have written; and to superintend the publication thereof, immediately after the close of each Communication, under such instructions as may be given by the Grand Lodge.

2d. To receive, duly file, and safely keep all papers and documents addressed or belonging to the Grand Lodge; and to present such as may require its action, at each Annual Communication thereof.

3d. To keep the Seal of the Grand Lodge and affix the same, with his attestation, to all instruments emanating from that body, and also to all the written official acts of the Grand Master, when by him required.

4th. To collect all moneys due to the Grand Lodge, keep a correct account thereof in proper books; and pay the same quarterly to the Grand Treasurer.

5th. To report at each Annual Communication, a detailed account of all moneys received by him during the year, with a specific statement of the sources whence they were derived; and to present therewith the receipts of the Grand Treasurer therefor.

6th. To report, at each Annual Communication, all Lodges which shall be in arrears to the Grand Lodge, or which shall have neglected or refused to comply with any provision of its Constitution and Regulations.

7th. To conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge and to submit copies thereof, at each Annual Communication, for its inspection.

8th. To attend the Grand Lodge at all its Communications, and the Grand Master, when required, with the books and all necessary papers appertaining to his office.

9th. To keep his office with all the books, papers and archives, of the Grand Lodge, in such place as the Grand Lodge shall direct and the Board of Trustees shall provide.

10th. To transmit to each Lodge within the jurisdiction, once in every two months, a list of all rejections, expulsions, suspensions, and restorations of which he shall have been notified by the several Lodges.

11th. To present at each Annual Communication, an estimate of the probable expenses of the ensuing year, giving each class of expenditures under its proper head; and also to present an estimate of the probable income from the known sources of revenue during the same period.

12th. To issue notices of any Special Communication for important business, ordered by the Grand Master, to each Lodge and Grand Officer within the jurisdiction.

13th. To issue notices to each Lodge of the granting of a dispensation by the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge.

14th. To transmit to any Lodge, which shall send him a certificate of membership and good standing of a deceased brother, in the form prescribed in Sec. 174, Art. III, Part VII, stating that he leaves a wife, child, or children, a Grand Lodge diploma for her, his or their benefit, free of charge, when so requested by such Lodge.

15th. To take charge of the jewels, furniture, clothing, and other paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge during its vacations.

16th. To furnish every Grand Officer, elected or appointed, with a certificate of such election or appointment.

17th. To act as Grand Librarian and take charge of the library of the Grand Lodge, under such regulations as it may prescribe.

18th. To report, at each Annual Communication, all unfinished business of the Grand Lodge; and to present all such other matters to its notice as may properly come within his province; and

19th. To perform all such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the Grand Lodge may direct.

Sec. 42. He shall execute and file in the office of the Grand Master, within fifteen days after his installation, an official bond, in such penal sum as the Board of Trustees may determine and with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as prescribed in this Constitution. If the Grand Secretary shall give a corporate surety bond, the fee or premium therefor shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 43. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Lodge may direct.

Sec. 44. He may, with the approval of the Grand Master, appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary, for whose official acts he shall be responsible, and who shall be considered an appointed officer of the Grand Lodge and shall receive such compensation for his services as it may direct.

OF THE GRAND LECTURER.

Sec. 44½. It shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer to teach the ritual and esoteric work to the Deputy Grand Lecturers of the Jurisdiction; to visit the several lecture districts and not only cause to be exemplified the adopted work, but to require conformity therewith. It shall also be his duty to require the Deputy Grand Lecturers to examine all Masters elect in so much of the Constitution, edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge as refers to the government of subordinate Lodges, as well as in regard to their proficiency in the work and lectures, and to grant certificates to all who make themselves proficient.

Sec. 44½a. The Grand Lecturer, with the approval of the Grand Master, shall divide the Jurisdiction into districts, and shall appoint such Deputy Grand Lecturer in each district, as a majority of the Masters of the several subordinate Lodges in each district shall recommend, and who shall be a resident of the district for which he is appointed and a Past Master of this Jurisdiction.

Sec. 44½b. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Lecturer to visit each Lodge in his district whenever desired by any lodge, or whenever he may deem it necessary for the faithful performance of his duties; to inspect the work and, if necessary, correct the same in accordance with the work as adopted by the Grand Lodge; and to render a report of his services to the Grand Lecturer on the first day of January of each year. To require each of the Masters in his district to con-

vene his lodge for inspection, and report to the Grand Master any failing to do so, as well as any Master who fails to qualify within the proper time. The Commission of a Deputy Grand Lecturer shall expire at the close of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, unless sooner revoked by the Grand Master or the Grand Lecturer.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 45. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain, during each Communication of the Grand Lodge, to perform such services, appertaining to his office, as may be required of him by the Grand Master.

Sec. 46. It shall be the duty of the Grand Orator, at each Annual Communication, to deliver an address to the Grand Lodge upon matters appertaining to the Craft.

Sec. 47. It shall be the duty of the Grand Marshal—

1st. To proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation and to make such other proclamations as by the Grand Master may be directed.

2d. To introduce the Representatives of other Grand Lodges and visiting brethren of distinction; and

3d. To conduct all processions of the Grand Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Master, and perform such other duties, proper to his office, as may be required.

Sec. 48. It shall be the duty of the Grand Standard Bearer to bear the Banner of the Grand Lodge in all processions and at all public ceremonies.

Sec. 49. It shall be the duty of the Grand Sword Bearer to attend upon the Grand Master and bear the Sword of the Grand Lodge in all processions and at all public ceremonies.

Sec. 50. It shall be the duty of the Grand Bible Bearer to bear the Holy Writings in all processions and at all public ceremonies.

Sec. 51. It shall be the duty of the Grand Deacons to assist the Grand Master and Grand Wardens in such manner as the ancient usages of the Craft prescribe.

Sec. 52. It shall be the duty of the Grand Stewards to superintend the preparations for all festive occasions directed by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 53. It shall be the duty of the Grand Pursuivant—

1st. To guard the inner door of the Grand Lodge and communicate with the Grand Tyler without.

2d. To announce all applicants for admission by their names and proper Masonic titles, and see that all who enter wear the jewel and clothing proper to their rank.

3d. To allow none to withdraw who have not obtained permission so to do from the Grand Master; and

4th. To act as Assistant to the Grand Marshal in all processions of the Grand Lodge and at all public ceremonies.

Sec. 54. It shall be the duty of the Grand Organist to preside at the organ at the opening and closing of the Grand Lodge, and to conduct its music upon all occasions of ceremony, when required.

Sec. 55. It shall be the duty of the Grand Tyler—

1st. To guard the outer door of the Grand Lodge and communicate with the Grand Pursuivant within.

2d. To report all applicants for admission to the Grand Pursuivant and see that all who enter are duly authorized and properly clothed.

3d. To make suitable preparations for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge at all its Communications, and see that its hall is kept in proper condition during their continuance.

4th. To take charge of and safely keep the jewels, furniture, clothing, and other paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge during its Communications; and

5th. To serve all notices and summonses, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

Sec. 56. The Grand Tyler shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge may direct.

ARTICLE VI.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Section 57. The Board of Trustees of this Grand Lodge shall consist of the Grand Master,

Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and four other members to be elected by this Grand Lodge from among its members, one of whom shall be elected at the Annual Communication in 1926 for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years. At each Annual Communication after 1926, one Trustee shall be elected for a term of four years to fill the vacancy of the Trustee whose term is then expiring. Should any vacancy occur in the Board of Trustees when the Grand Lodge is not in session the same shall be filled by appointment by the Grand Master until the next Annual Communication. The Grand Master shall be Chairman, the Grand Treasurer shall be Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary shall be Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Five or more of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. The Board of Trustees shall hold regular and special meetings at such times, places, and upon such notice as they may provide by By-Laws.

Sec. 58. The Board of Trustees "elected at the Annual Communication in 1926" shall succeed the "Board of Trustees" heretofore created by Sec. 57 of the Constitution, the "Masonic Home Trustees" heretofore established by the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 1918, the "Board of Trustees of the Oracle property," otherwise known as "Tuberculosis Home Trustees," provided for by the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 1923 and all other Trustees,

of this Grand Lodge at any time, in any manner or for any purpose heretofore created or appointed or now existing. The legal title to all property, real and personal, of this Grand Lodge, except such as is specifically placed in the custody of some other Grand Officer by the Constitution, shall forthwith vest in the Board of Trustees and thereafter remain vested in said Board of Trustees and their successors in trust and they shall handle, manage and control the same subject to the provisions of the Constitution in trust however, for the sole use and benefit of this Grand Lodge. The Board of Trustees shall have power to adopt By-Laws for their own guidance and for the management of the property and business affairs of the Grand Lodge over which they have control, and may amend such By-Laws at any time. They shall also have power to adopt and enforce such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution as they may find needful or proper for the handling and management of the property and business affairs committed to them by the Constitution. They shall make a complete report of the business and property of the Grand Lodge under their control and the condition and operation thereof for the preceding year to the Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication thereof. Such reports shall be printed and ready for distribution on the first day of each Annual Communication.

Sec. 59. The Board of Trustees shall so far as practically possible at all times keep all of the money in the Masonic Home Endowment Fund

and all money in the Masonic Home General Fund, not required to meet expenses and obligations then incurred, or to be incurred within three months, invested in bonds of the United States, or State, County or Municipal bonds and such other securities as may be approved by the Board of Trustees. They shall likewise keep all money in any other funds of the Grand Lodge, including the General Fund, except, such portion of the General Fund as the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall estimate and certify to the Board of Trustees as necessary to meet the current expenses of the Grand Lodge until the next succeeding Annual Communication thereof invested in like securities. They shall also have power and it shall be their duty to designate one or more depositories and custodians in which all money belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be kept deposited by the Grand Treasurer and wherein there shall be lodged for safe keeping all securities of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 59½. Each Lodge, in addition to the fees required by its by-laws from each initiate or affiliate, shall collect from each petitioner or applicant the sum of $10.00 which sum shall be sent by the Secretary of the Lodge with his annual report of each year to the Grand Secretary, who shall place the same in the Masonic Home Endowment Fund provided that no affiliate shall be required to contribute to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund more than once.

(See Dec. 26a, 26b, 26c, 26d.)

PART III.

Of the Subordinate Lodges.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF A LODGE.

SECTION 60. A Lodge can only be formed by authority of a dispensation from the Grand Master, or of a charter from the Grand Lodge; and no charter shall be granted to any Lodge until it shall have worked a time under dispensation, and shall have exhibited to the Grand Lodge satisfactory evidence of its Masonic capability.

Sec. 61. Upon the petition of seven or more Master Masons being presented to the Grand Master, in the form prescribed in Sec. 174, Art. III, Part VII, he may grant them a dispensation to open and hold a Lodge at the place therein to be named, with power to make Masons and receive members by affiliation; and he shall therein appoint the Master and Wardens of the new Lodge. But in no case shall such dispensation be issued unless the petition be accompanied by a recommendation from the nearest and most convenient chartered Lodge, (if from a town or city where more than one Lodge exists, then from a majority of such Lodges,) setting forth, in the form prescribed in Sec. 174, Art. III, Part VII, that the petitioners are all Master Masons in good standing, that the establishment of the new Lodge is of

manifest propriety and will conduce to the good of the Order, and that a safe and suitable Lodge room has been provided therefor; nor unless the petition shall also be accompanied by a certificate of withdrawal of each petitioner from the Lodge of which he was last a member, and by a certificate from the Grand Lecturer or a Deputy Grand Lecturer, in the form prescribed in Sec. 174, Art. III, Part VII, declaring that the Master and Wardens proposed in such petition are fully competent properly to confer the three degrees of Masonry and to deliver entire the lectures thereunto appertaining. Such dispensation shall terminate upon the first day of the month in which the next succeeding Annual Communication shall be holden; and shall then be returned to the Grand Secretary, together with the by-laws, book of records, and returns of the new Lodge to that date.

Sec. 62. Upon the return of the dispensation of a new Lodge, as above, with a petition for a charter in the form prescribed in Sec. 174, Art. III, Part VII, if an examination of its work and proceedings shall prove satisfactory, and if it shall produce a certificate, as required in the preceding section, that the Master and Wardens proposed are thoroughly skilled in the work and lectures, and if it shall also show that it is clear of all indebtedness, the Grand Lodge may order the issue of a charter to such Lodge, and assign it such name and number on the registry as shall be deemed proper; and such Lodge shall be duly constituted within sixty days thereafter, or its charter shall be forfeited. If the examination be not sat-

isfactory, or such certificate and showing be not produced, the petition may be totally refused, or a continuance of the dispensation, until the next Annual Communication, may be ordered; but no such continuance shall be granted a second time.

Sec. 63. A Lodge shall consist of a Master, a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Senior Deacon, a Junior Deacon, a Tyler, and such other officers as its by-laws may provide; together with as many members as it may find convenient.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A LODGE.

SECTION 64. The powers and duties of a Lodge are such as are prescribed in its dispensation or charter, by the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and by the general regulations of Masonry; and they are defined as follows:—

1st. *Executive*—In the direction and performance of its work, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge, under the control of the Master; and in all other matters, in aid of the Master, who is the primary executive authority of the Lodge.

2d. *Legislative*—Including all matters of legislation to its internal concerns, which shall not be in violation of the general regulations of Masonry, the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge, or its own particular by-laws; and

3d. *Judicial*—Embracing the exercise of discipline over its own members (except the Master,) and all other Masons within its jurisdiction, and

the settlement of controversies between them; subject always to a revision by the Grand Lodge upon appeal.

Sec. 65. Each Lodge shall have not more than one stated meeting in each lunar month, but may hold such other meetings as it may determine or the Master shall direct; but no business of any kind, except collections or appropriations for charity, conferring of degrees, ceremonial observances, electing a Representative to the Grand Lodge, or balloting for commissioners to try charges of unmasonic conduct, shall be done at any other than a stated meeting, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master, as provided in Sec. 34, Art. I, Part II. And all business, except the examination of candidates and conferring of the subordinate degrees, shall be done in a Lodge of Master Masons.

Sec. 66. Each chartered and duly constituted Lodge shall be represented in the Grand Lodge at every Communication by one or more of its proper officers, or by a representative duly elected as provided in Sec. 173, Art. II, Part VII, which representative shall have credentials in the form provided in Sec. 174, Art. III, Part VII.

Sec. 67. Each chartered Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a full and correct report of its transactions for the twelve months next preceding the first day of January in each year, within fifteen days thereafter, in such form as may be provided and each Lodge under dispensation shall transmit a similar report from the date of its organization to the first day of February in each

year without delay. Every Lodge shall accompany such report with payment of its dues to the Grand Lodge for those periods, as prescribed in Sec. 32, Art. VIII, Part I.

(See Reg. 15.)

Sec. 68. Each Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a copy of its by-laws as soon as adopted; but no such by-laws, nor any subsequent amendments thereunto, shall be deemed valid until approved by the Grand Lodge, though they may be acted under until the next Annual Communication if approved by the Grand Master.

Sec. 69. Each Lodge, having concurrent jurisdiction with another Lodge or other Lodges, shall immediately notify such other Lodge or Lodges of any application it may receive for the degrees or for affiliation.

Sec. 70. Each chartered Lodge shall, within two months from the date of its charter, provide a suitable seal, bearing such devices as it may deem proper and having inscribed thereon the name and number of the Lodge, the date of its charter, and the place of its location; and all documents or papers of every kind whatsoever, emanating from such Lodge, or from its Master or Secretary in his official capacity, shall bear the impress of such seal or be considered null and of no effect.

Sec. 71. Each Lodge shall have all official communications from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary read in open Lodge at the stated meeting next following their receipt.

Sec. 72. Each Lodge shall provide the several books prescribed in Sec. 114, Art. V, Part IV, to be kept by its Secretary, which shall be prepared in accordance with forms to be provided.

Sec. 73. Each Lodge shall provide, in such manner as it may deem proper, for the payment of its officers or representatives in attending the Communications of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 74. Two or more Lodges, located near each other, may consolidate into one upon such terms as may be agreed upon by themselves; but of such proposed consolidation the members of each Lodge shall have at least three months' notice before the stated meeting at which such proposition is to be acted upon, and it shall require the assent, in writing, of at least three-fourths of all the members of each Lodge to adopt such proposal for consolidation. The Lodge thus formed may bear the name and number of one of the Lodges composing it, in which case it may retain the charter and seal of that Lodge; or it may bear the name of one and the number of another of such Lodges, and shall then receive a new charter, without charge, and provide a new seal; or it may have an endorsement of the authorization of such consolidation by the Grand Lodge made upon the charter of one of the component Lodges. No such consolidation, however, shall go into effect until all the proceedings relative thereto shall have been submitted to and approved by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 75. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed upon a Lodge in this Constitution,

its charter may be suspended or forfeited; and for the neglect or violation of any duty herein imposed upon a Secretary, his Lodge shall be held responsible.

ARTICLE III.

OF PROHIBITIONS

SECTION 76. No Lodge shall remove its place of meeting from that named in its dispensation or charter, unless notice shall have been given at a stated meeting that a resolution for such removal will be offered at the next succeeding one, nor unless such resolution shall have been adopted by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present at such stated meeting; nor shall such removal then take place until the action of the Lodge shall have been approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

(See Dec. 47.)

Sec. 77. No Lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive an application for the degrees of Masonry unless the applicant shall have been a resident within Arizona during twelve months, and within the jurisidiction of the Lodge during six months, next preceding the date of his application, except in the case of a person belonging to the army or navy of the United States, whose application, though he have not that qualification of residence, may be received by dispensation from the Grand Master, as provided in Sec. 34, Art. I, Part II. Nor shall any Lodge receive such application from any person who, within twelve months next preceding, shall have been rejected by any Lodge,

unless by dispensation from the Grand Master, as provided in Sec. 34, Art. I, Part II. All such applications, as well as those for affiliation, shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, and recommended by at least two members of the Lodge, in the forms prescribed in Sec. 174, Art. III, Part VII.

(See Dec. 1, 36, 77, 79.)

Sec. 78. No Lodge shall ballot upon any application named in the next preceding section except by dispensation from the Grand Master, as provided in Sec. 34, Art. I, Part II, until it shall have been referred to a committee, whose duty it shall be to make strict examination into the moral, mental, physical, and other proper qualifications of the applicant, and to report thereon at the next stated meeting, unless further time be granted. No application shall be withdrawn after reference to a committee, except as hereinafter provided in this section. If the report of the committee, or any member thereof, shall be unfavorable, no ballot shall be had, but the Master shall, upon the reception of such report, declare the candidate rejected. If the report be favorable, a ballot shall be had; and it shall require an unanimous ballot to elect. If but one black ball appear in the ballot box, the Master, without declaring the result, shall at once order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, which ballot shall be the last; but in no case after one ballot has been had, shall any discussion be permitted in the Lodge before the second ballot is had, nor shall the second ballot be postponed to another meeting of the

Lodge. If the committee find the applicant disqualified in consequence of insufficient residence or physical disability, and find no other objection to him, they shall make a special report thereupon; in which case the Master may direct the withdrawal of the application without further action, and such direction shall be entered upon the record. (See Dec. 1, 71.)

Sec. 79. No dispensation shall be issued to a Lodge to ballot for and confer the degrees upon a candidate without reference to a committee, as provided for in the next preceding section, nor to receive and act upon the petition of a rejected applicant within less than twelve months after the date of such rejection, unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge, by an unanimous vote, by ballot; and of the special meeting to be holden under such dispensation, and the purpose thereof, the members of the Lodge shall have due notice.

Sec. 80. No dispensation shall be issued to a Lodge to receive and act upon the petition for degrees of a person belonging to the army or navy of the United States, who has not the qualification of residence prescribed in Sec. 77 of this Article, unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge by an unanimous vote, by ballot; and should such dispensation be issued, the petition shall take the usual course of reference and ballot in the Lodge.

Sec. 81. No Lodge (unless it be otherwise provided in its by-laws) shall have more than one ballot for three degrees; but though an applicant may be elected to receive them, if any time before

his initiation, objection be made by any member, he shall not receive the degree until such objection shall have been withdrawn; and such objection shall, unless withdrawn within sixty days, have the effect of a rejection by ballot, and shall be so reported to the Grand Secretary; and if, after his initiation, but before being passed, or after passing, before being raised, objection to his advancement be made by any member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall, at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given,) report thereon; and upon the reception of such report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Lodge may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

(See Dec. 1, 39, 63, 65.)

Sec. 82. No Lodge shall advance an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft to a higher degree until, after a strict examination in open Lodge, he shall have given satisfactory evidence that he is entirely proficient and well qualified in that or those which he has already taken; and no Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall be advanced to a higher degree in any Lodge other than that in which he shall have received those or either of those degrees unless by the official consent of such Lodge, if it then be in existence and be within the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada.

(See Dec. 12.)

Sec. 83. No Lodge within Arizona shall confer the three degrees for a less fee than fifty dollars, nor shall any Lodge without Arizona and under this jurisdiction, confer them for a less fee than thirty dollars; and in every case the entire fee for the degrees shall accompany the application, else such application shall not be received. *Provided*, however, that, if the applicant has already received the first degree, or the first and second degrees, in another Lodge, the fee to accompany his application for the remaining degree or degrees shall be such proportion of the fee for all the degrees as the by-laws of the Lodge may prescribe.

Sec. 84. No Lodge shall confer degrees upon more than five candidates at any one meeting; nor shall confer more than one degree upon any one candidate at any one meeting; nor shall confer either of the degrees upon more than one candidate at a time.

(See Dec. 12.)

Sec. 85. No Lodge, nor any Mason, shall appear in Masonic clothing in any public procession, or any public meeting or place, without permission from the Grand Master, except for the burial of a brother or the performance of some other strictly Masonic duty or ceremony.

(See Dec. 27, 73.)

Sec. 86. No Lodge shall expel a member for the non-payment of his dues; but, in case any member shall have refused or neglected to pay his regular dues during a period of six months, he shall be notified by the Secretary that, unless at

the next stated meeting either his dues be paid or sickness or inability to pay be shown as the cause of such refusal or neglect, he will be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. If neither of these things be done he shall, at such stated meeting, be declared by the Master to be so suspended, unless, for special reasons shown, the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for their payment; should any Mason suspended for non-payment of dues neglect for the period of one year to pay said dues or to have the same remitted by his Lodge, said member shall not be restored to membership except by a three-fourths vote by ballot, of all members present at the next stated meeting after the petition for restoration is presented, and then only upon payment of arrearages due at the time of his suspension, together with such further dues, as would, had he retained his membership, have accrued against him to the date of said payment, or who shall have had such arrearages and dues remitted by his Lodge. When a vote has been taken on the application of a Mason for restoration, who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and it develops that the necessary number of favorable ballots have not been cast that would restore him to "good standing" a "Certificate of Withdrawal" may be issued to the applicant at his request.

(See Dec. 26a, 88, 89, 90.)

Sec. 87. No Lodge shall receive lectures from any person who is not duly authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

Sec. 88. No Lodge shall receive an application for affiliation unless it be accompanied by a proper dimit or certificate of good standing from the Lodge of which the applicant was last a member, or a satisfactory explanation in writing, of his inability to furnish such dimit. Any member of a Lodge who is in good standing and whose dues are paid, who desires to affiliate with another Lodge, may apply for and receive from the Secretary of his Lodge a duly attested certificate of his standing in the Lodge. By presenting such certificate with his petition, a member may apply for affiliation with another Lodge. If such applicant be elected to affiliate with a Lodge he can become a member thereof only by filing with the Secretary at a stated meeting a dimit from the Lodge of which he was last a member.

(See Dec. 19.)

Sec. 89. No Lodge shall bury with Masonic honors any Mason who has fallen in a duel.

Sec. 90. No Lodge or Mason shall hold Masonic communication with any Lodge which has been declared illegal by the Grand Lodge, or with any person who has received degrees in, or is a member of, such a Lodge.

Sec. 91. No Lodge shall admit a visitor without due inquiry or examination, nor if there be, in the opinion of the Master, a valid objection made to such admission by a member of the Lodge.

Sec. 92. No Lodge which shall have failed to make its annual returns, with payment of its dues, as provided in Sec. 67, Art. II, Part III, and in

Sec. 113, Art. V, Part IV, shall be entitled to representation at the next Communication.

Sec. 93. No Lodge shall recognize any Body purporting to be a Masonic Lodge, which shall be holden within the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge of any State or Territory of the United States without authority from such Grand Lodge; nor shall any Lodge, or any member thereof, admit or hold Masonic intercourse with a member of any such Body.

(See Dec. 76.)

Sec. 94. No Lodge shall recognize as a Mason any person who, being at the time a resident of Arizona, has received, or claims to have received, the degrees of Masonry from any source beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, without the proper permission, until the Lodge nearest his place of residence shall have received him as a member. The proper permission, above mentioned, may only be given by the Lodge nearest his place of residence, and in the manner necessary for an election to receive the degrees, and no Lodge shall receive and act upon the petition of an applicant for the degrees of Masonry, or any of them, whose residence is nearer, in a geographical line to some other Lodge of this jurisdiction than the one to which application is made, without the unanimous consent of such nearest Lodge.

(See Dec. 36, 40.)

Sec. 95. No Lodge, until chartered and duly constituted, shall be entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge; but a Lodge, under dispensa-

tion, may send delegates thereto, who may be admitted to seats and be permitted to speak, but shall have no vote.

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE DISSOLUTION OF LODGES.

SECTION 96. A Lodge may be dissolved—

1st. By the voluntary surrender of its charter, when such surrender shall have been accepted by the Grand Lodge; or

2d. By the revocation of its charter by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 97. The charter of a Lodge may be surrendered if notice shall be given at a stated meeting that a resolution to that effect will be presented at the next succeeding one, and if, at such succeeding meeting, there shall not be thirteen members present who oppose such resolution; but no such act of surrender shall be considered final until it shall have been approved and accepted by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 98. The charter of a Lodge may be forfeited—

1st. By disobedience to any provision of the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

2d. By disregard of the lawful authority of the Grand Master.

3d. By violation or neglect of the ancient and recognized usages of the Craft.

4th. By receiving applicants known to be unworthy, or refusing or neglecting to discipline unworthy members; or

5th. By failure to meet during a period of six successive months.

But no charter shall be forfeited unless charges against the Lodge shall have been presented to and investigated in the Grand Lodge, of which charges the Lodge accused shall have had due notice; though the same may be arrested until the next Annual Communication, either by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, upon satisfactory reasons therefor being shown.

Sec. 99. The forfeiture or arrest of the charter of a Lodge involves the suspension of all its members from the rights and privileges of Masonry, except those who may be specially exempted from such effect.

Sec. 100. The surrender or forfeiture of the charter of a Lodge, when declared by the Grand Lodge, shall be conclusive upon the Lodge and its members; and all its funds, jewels, furniture, dues, and property of every kind shall be disposed of as provided in Sec. 33, Art. VIII, Part I.

PART IV.

Of the Officers of Subordinate Lodges.

ARTICLE I.

OF ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 101. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of Saint John the Evangelist; and a majority of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to elect. They shall be installed as soon as practicable thereafter, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.
(See Dec. 33, 50.)

Sec. 102. In case any Lodge shall fail to hold such election at the time above named, upon good cause being shown therefor the Grand Master may issue a dispensation to hold such election at another time and in case a vacancy shall at any time occur in either of the offices of Master or Warden in any Lodge, upon proper representation of the necessity therefor the Grand Master may issue a dispensation for an election to fill such vacancy. But, in either of these cases, such dispensation shall be issued only upon the application of the Lodge, setting forth the reasons therefor, to be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting, and to be properly certified by the Secretary and of the special election which may thus be ordered, the members shall have due notice.
(See Dec. 50.)

Sec. 103. None but members in good standing, whose dues are paid, shall be entitled to vote at an election; and every voter shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge.

Sec. 104. The Deacons, Tyler, and such other subordinate officers as the by-laws of each Lodge may designate, shall be appointed in such manner as they may direct; and the officers so appointed shall be properly invested as soon as practicable after their appointment.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE MASTER.

Section 105. The Master shall have power—

1st. To congregate his Lodge whenever he shall deem it proper.

2d. To issue, or cause to be issued, all summonses or notices which may be required.

3d. To discharge all the executive functions of his Lodge; and

4th. To perform all such other acts, by ancient usage proper to his office, as shall not be in contravention of any provision of the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 106. It shall be his duty—

1st. To preside at all meetings of his Lodge.

2d. To confer all degrees in strict accordance with the ritual which has been, or may hereafter be, ordained by the Grand Lodge.

3d. To give, in full, the lectures appertaining to each degree, at the time it is conferred, in accordance with such ritual.

4th. To examine the record of proceedings at each meeting of his Lodge, when fairly transcribed by the Secretary, and, if found correct, subscribe his approval thereof.

5th. To superintend the official acts of all the officers of his Lodge and see that their respective duties are properly discharged; and

6th. To carefully guard against any infraction, by the members of his Lodge, of its own by-laws, of the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge, or of the general regulations of Masonry.

Sec. 107. From the decisions of the Master there shall be no appeal to the Lodge; but objections to such decisions may be laid before the Grand Master and by him be dealt with in the manner provided in Sec. 137, Art. II, Part VI.

Sec. 108. In all cases of a tie vote, except votes by ballot, the Master, in addition to his proper vote, may have the casting vote.

Sec. 109. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed by this Constitution upon the Master of the Lodge, he shall be subject to deprivation of office, suspension, or expulsion, as provided in Sec. 142, Art. II, Part VI.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE WARDENS.

Section 110. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the Master in the performance of his

duties, and to discharge all those duties which ancient usage has assigned to their respective stations.

Sec. 111. In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden (and in his absence also, the Junior Warden), shall succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Master.

(See Dec. 13, 50, 88.)

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE TREASURER.

SECTION 112. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer—

1st. To receive and safely keep all moneys or property of every kind which shall be placed in his hands by order of the Lodge.

2d. To disburse or transfer the same, or any part thereof, upon the order of the Master duly attested by the Secretary.

3d. To keep a book or books wherein a correct account of his receipts and disbursements shall be exhibited.

4th. To present a statement of the finances of the Lodge whenever required; and

5th. To perform such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the by-laws may require or the Lodge may at any time direct.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 113. It shall be the duty of the Secretary—

1st. To record all the proceedings at each meeting, which it is proper should be written,

under the direction of the Master, in a Minute Book to be kept for that purpose; and to submit such record to the Lodge, at its next stated meeting, for approval or correction.

2d. To fairly transcribe such proceedings from the Minute Book to the regular Record Book, after they shall have thus been approved or corrected, and present them to the Master for his approval and signature when thus fairly transcribed.

3d. To prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or of any part thereof, to the Grand Lodge, when required.

4th. To collect and receive all moneys due to the Lodge and pay them over to the Treasurer.

5th. To keep the seal of the Lodge and to affix the same, with his attestation, to all papers issued under its authority or in obedience to the requirements of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

6th. To transmit to the Grand Secretary, immediately after each election and installation in the Lodge, a certificate thereof in the form prescribed in Sec. 174, Art. III, Part VII.

7th. To transmit to the Grand Secretary the annual report required in Sec. 67, Art. II, Part III, in such form as shall be provided; and

8th. To report to the Grand Secretary, immediately after their occurrence, all rejections, expulsions, suspensions, and restorations, in the forms provided in Sec. 174, Art. III, Part VII.

Sec. 114. He shall keep the following books of the Lodge, in such forms as may be provided:—

1st. A Record Book, in which he shall record all the transactions of the Lodge, proper to be written, after the same shall have been approved.

2nd. A Book of By-Laws for the signatures of the members in order of their admission, in which he shall see that each member at once signs his name in full.

(See Dec. 11aa.)

3d. A Roll Book, in which he shall record, upon pages alphabetically arranged, the full name or names of all belonging to the Lodge; the dates of their initiation, passing, raising, or affiliation; the name, number, and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated last were members; the age and occupation of each when received; and the dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration.

4th. A Black Book, in which he shall record, upon pages alphabetically arranged, the full names of those rejected, expelled, suspended, or restored by any Lodges, so far as he shall receive the proper notice thereof; and

5th. A register, to be kept in the Tyler's room, in which all members shall record their names, and all visitors shall record their names and the names, numbers and locations of their respective Lodges, before entering the Lodge.

Sec. 115. He shall also keep such Account Books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of each member with the Lodge, the re-

ceipts of the Secretary, and his payments to the Treasurer; and shall preserve the Book of Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed proceedings thereof as promulgated by its order.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE APPOINTED OFFICERS.

SECTION 116. The Deacons, Tyler, and other appointed officers, shall perform such duties, consonant with the usages of the Craft and appertaining to their respective offices, as may be required by the by-laws or directed by the Master.

PART V.

Of Individual Masons.

ARTICLE I.

OF MEMBERSHIP IN A LODGE.

SECTION 117. Membership in a Lodge may be acquired—

1st. By having regularly received the degree of Master Mason therein.

2nd. By having been duly elected for affiliation therewith.

3d. By having been named in a dispensation for a new Lodge as one of the petitioners therefor; and

4th. By the consolidation into one Lodge of two or more Lodges, of one of which he was a member, in the manner prescribed in Sec. 74, Art. II, Part III.

Sec. 118. If a Mason shall have been elected to receive the three degrees and shall have received the first degree, or the first and second degrees, in one Lodge, and shall at the *request* of such Lodge and on its behalf, receive the remaining degrees or degree in another Lodge, no petition, reference, or ballot shall be necessary in the last named Lodge, as the work will be done for the first, of which he will be deemed a member.

Sec. 119. If a Mason shall have received the first degree, or the first and second degrees, in one

Lodge, and shall simply receive *permission* from such Lodge to receive the remaining degrees or degree in another Lodge, he shall be deemed a member of the Lodge in which he received the degree of Master Mason.

Sec. 120. No Mason shall be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time.

Sec. 121. Membership in a Lodge can only be terminated—

1st. By the dissolution of the Lodge.

2nd. By the consolidation of the Lodge with another Lodge or other Lodges.

3rd. By voluntary withdrawal therefrom, after proper notice given; and

4th. By death, suspension, or expulsion.

Sec. 122. A member of a Lodge, in good standing and whose dues are paid, may withdraw therefrom at any time by giving notice of his intention so to do at a stated meeting, and he may receive a certificate of the fact of such withdrawal, in the form prescribed in Sec. 174, Art. III, Part VII; but no recommendatory certificate shall be given him except by a vote of the majority of the members of the Lodge then present.

Sec. 123. All Masons who were members in good standing of a Lodge at the date of the surrender of its charter, and whose dues shall have been paid, are entitled to and may receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as the

regular recommendatory certificate of withdrawal issued by an existing Lodge.

(See Dec. 18.)

ARTICLE II.

OF DUTIES, PROHIBITIONS, AND LIABILITIES

SECTION 124. It is the duty of every Master Mason to be a member of some Lodge, and every non-affiliated Mason who, having resided six months within this jurisdiction shall refuse or neglect to make application for membership to some Lodge therein, shall be deemed unworthy of Masonic consideration, and shall not be entitled to nor be the recipient of any of the rights, privileges or charities of the Order.

(See Dec. 6, 7; Reg. 1.)

Sec. 125. No member of a Lodge shall be required, requested, or allowed to divulge his vote upon a ballot for affiliation or for the degrees of Masonry, nor to assign reasons for such vote, if it be known, except to the Master, for the purpose of correcting a mistake.

Sec. 126. No member of a Lodge, when present, shall be excused or permitted to refrain from voting upon a ballot for affiliation or for the degrees of Masonry.

(See Dec. 100.)

Sec. 127. No Mason shall hold any Masonic intercourse with an expelled or suspended Mason, with an illegal Lodge, with any person who has received degrees therein or who is a member thereof, nor with any Mason not acknowledged as such by this Grand Lodge.

Sec. 128. For non-payment of his dues a member may be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, in the manner provided in Sec. 86, Art. III, Part III; but, in case of the death of a member while thus suspended, if there be no other Masonic offense established against him, his Lodge may, in its discretion, bury him with the customary Masonic honors.

Sec. 129. For any violation of the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, of the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge, of the by-laws of his Lodge, or of any portion of the Masonic or moral law, a member, or any other Mason within the jurisdiction of a Lodge, may be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, in the manner provided in Sec. 158, Art. IV, Part VI.

(See Dec. 57, 59.)

PART VI.

Of Trials, Appeals and Penalties.

ARTICLE I.

RELATIVE TO THE GRAND MASTER

SECTION 130. Charges may be preferred against the Grand Master for abuse of his power; violation of the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge, or other unmasonic conduct, by any three Masters or Lodges; which charges shall be in writing over their signatures, and shall be presented to the last Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge who may be within Arizona, and who is a member of a Lodge within its jurisdiction.

Sec. 131. Upon the presentation of such charges, it shall be the duty of such Past Grand Master to transmit a copy thereof to the accused, if within the jurisdiction, at least thirty days, and if without the jurisdiction at least ninety days, before the time designated for the trial, together with a notification to attend at such time and place as he may therein name, which shall be one most convenient for the parties; and he shall also summon two or more other Past Grand Masters of this jurisdiction, who shall be members of Lodges therein, to assemble with him at the time and place designated, and shall notify the accused thereof.

Sec. 132. The tribunal thus assembled, or any of its members, shall have power to summon witnesses at the request of either party; it shall receive such testimony as in its judgment shall be proper, and shall determine finally upon the guilt or innocence of the accused; and the opinion of a majority of all its members shall be the judgment of the tribunal and shall be final.

Sec. 133. The only penalty inflicted shall be deprivation of office; but, when thus deprived, the adjudged may be amenable to his Lodge upon a charge of unmasonic conduct.

Sec. 134. The Grand Secretary shall attend at the trial to keep a record of the proceedings and of the judgment, which shall be filed in his office and shall be presented at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 135. The proceedings at such trial, not fully prescribed in this Article, shall, so far as may be applicable, be in conformity with the provisions of Art. IV, of this Part.

Sec. 136. All necessary traveling expenses of the members of such tribunal shall be paid by the Grand Lodge, in the same manner as those of Grand Officers attending its Communications.

ARTICLE II.

RELATIVE TO MASTERS OF LODGES

Section 137. Charges may be preferred against the Master of a Lodge for abuse of his power, violation of the Constitution or Regulations, or unmasonic conduct of any kind, by any five Mas-

ter Masons in good standing; which charges shall be in writing over their signatures, and shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, if in session, or to the Grand Master during the vacation.

Sec. 138. Upon the presentation of such charges, the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, as the case may be, may at once appoint and summon not less than three nor more than seven disinterested brethren, who shall be either Masters or Past Masters, to assemble as Commissioners to hear and determine thereupon; and shall then summon the accused to appear and answer thereunto, at such time and place most convenient for the parties as shall be indicated in said summons; giving him, if within the jurisdiction of his Lodge, at least ten days—if without the jurisdiction and within Arizona, at least thirty days—and if without Arizona at least ninety days—to answer thereunto; and transmitting to him also a copy of the charges.

Sec. 139. The Commissioners, thus assembled, shall choose one of their number to preside; and they, or any of them, shall have power to summon witnesses at the request of either party. The witnesses, if Masons, shall testify upon their honor as such; if not, their depositions shall be taken in writing, before an officer legally authorized to administer oaths; and, in such case, the party requiring such depositions shall notify the other of the time and place when and where they will be taken, that he may, if he choose, be present thereat.

Sec. 140. The Commissioners may adjourn from time to time, at their own convenience or for good cause shown by either party; *provided* that the period within which their duties shall be concluded shall not exceed ten days, unless, for sufficient reasons, the Grand Master shall grant them further time.

Sec. 141. The opinion of a majority of all the Commissioners shall be deemed the judgment of the whole and shall be conclusive, unless an appeal be taken at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 142. The penalties which may be inflicted by such Commissioners may be either deprivation of office, suspension, or expulsion, as in their judgment shall be deemed proper.

Sec. 143. The proceedings at such trial, not in this Article fully prescribed, shall, so far as may be applicable, be in conformity with the provisions of Art. IV, of this Part.

Sec. 144. The Commissioners shall keep a complete record of their proceedings and of their judgment, and shall transmit the same to the Grand Secretary at the conclusion of the trial; and the judgment shall at once be carried into effect by order of the Grand Master.

Sec. 145. An appeal to the Grand Lodge may be taken at its next Annual Communication, by either party, if notice thereof be given to the Grand Secretary within thirty days after the conclusion of the trial.

ARTICLE III.

RELATIVE TO LODGES

SECTION 146. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges, or between a Lodge and a member or members of another Lodge, charges may be preferred by either party, if in good standing; which charges shall be in writing and shall be presented to the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, as provided in Sec. 137, Art. II, of this Part.

Sec. 147. Upon the presentation of such charges, not less than five nor more than seven Commissioners shall be appointed and summoned, as provided in Sec. 138, Art. II, of this Part, which Commissioners shall be Masters or Wardens, and shall be selected from at least three different Lodges not interested in the controversy and most convenient to the parties; and the accused party shall be summoned, with such time to answer as provided in the Section and Article last quoted.

Sec. 148. The Commissioners shall have power to proceed, and shall keep a record of their proceedings and judgment, in the same manner as provided in Art. II, of this Part. The penalties which they may inflict may be any known to Masonic usage; or, if the case be one not involving a violation of Masonic duty, the decision may be such special one as the circumstances shall, in their judgment, warrant.

Sec. 149. An appeal may be taken by either party to the Grand Lodge, as provided in Sec. 145, Art. II, of this Part.

ARTICLE IV.

RELATIVE TO MASONS INDIVIDUALLY

SECTION 150. When any member of a Lodge, (except its Master or the Grand Master), or any Mason residing within its jurisdiction, shall be accused of unmasonic conduct, charges to that effect may be preferred by any Master Mason in good standing, which charges shall be in writing over his signature and shall be presented to the Master of the Lodge having jurisdiction thereof.
(See Dec. 97b.)

Sec. 151. Upon the presentation of such charges, it shall be the duty of the Master, by due notification, to call a special meeting of his Lodge as soon as practicable, and there cause to be elected, by ballot and by a majority of those present, not less than seven nor more than nine of its members, who shall assemble as Commissioners to hear and determine thereupon, at such time and place, convenient to the parties, as he shall indicate; and he shall also summon the accused to appear and answer thereunto at such time and place, and shall, at the same time, cause the Secretary to furnish him with a copy of the charges and to notify the accuser of the said time and place of trial.
(See Dec. 97c.)

Sec. 152. If the accused be within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, the summons and copy of the charges shall be issued at least ten days prior to the day appointed for the trial, and shall be served personally by the Tyler or some other member of the Lodge authorized by the Master for that pur-

pose, or shall be left at his ordinary residence or place of business. If he be without the said jurisdiction, but within Arizona, and his residence be known, they shall be issued at least thirty days before the day of trial, and shall be forwarded to his address by the Secretary, by mail or other usual mode of conveyance, which shall be deemed sufficient service. If he be without Arizona, and his residence be known, they shall be issued at least ninety days before the trial, and shall be forwarded to his address by the Secretary, as before provided, which shall be sufficient service. If his address be unknown, the Master shall order the trial to proceed at once upon the testimony, *ex parte*.

(See Dec. 97c.)

Sec. 153. The Commissioners shall assemble at the time and place appointed and shall be presided over by the Master, who shall decide all questions of Masonic law which may arise during the trial, but shall have no vote in the final decision of the case by the Commissioners; and the Secretary, or in his absence, some other member of the Lodge appointed for the purpose by the Master, shall attend them to keep a full and correct record of the proceedings and of the judgment, under their supervision.

Sec. 154. The Master shall, at the request of either party, summon such witnesses as are Masons, residing within the jurisdiction of his Lodge, to appear and testify before the Commission. Whenever the attendance of a witness, who is a

Mason and who resides without the jurisdiction of the Lodge in which the trial is had, cannot be procured, his testimony may be taken before the Master of the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, upon such notice to the adverse party as the Master of the Lodge in which the trial is to be had shall fix, and the attendance of such witness may be compelled by summons. His testimony shall be reduced to writing, signed by him, and authenticated by the certificate of the Master before whom it is taken, under the seal of his Lodge. The testimony of witnesses who are not Masons shall be taken by deposition before some officer authorized by the laws of the State wherein he resides, to administer oaths, and at such time and place and upon such notice to the adverse party as shall be designated by the Master upon the application of the party desiring the testimony. Whenever the testimony of a witness residing out of Arizona is desired, it shall be taken upon interrogatories, direct and cross, agreed upon by the parties or settled by the Master. Witnesses who are Masons in good standing shall testify upon their honor as such; and all others shall testify under oath or affirmation.

Sec. 155. Any Master Mason in good standing may, at the request of the accuser or the accused, appear as his counsel and assist in the prosecution or defense.

Sec. 156. The Commissioners may adjourn from time to time at their own convenience or for sufficient cause shown by either party; provided that

the period within which their duties shall be concluded shall not exceed ten days, unless for good reasons, shown, the Master shall grant them further time.

Sec. 157. After all the testimony shall have been received, the Commissioners shall proceed to deliberate upon their verdict and sentence, with none present save themselves, the Master, and the Secretary, which last shall have no voice in the proceedings. The judgment of a majority of all the Commissioners shall be taken as the decision of the whole; and, when the trial is concluded, the Secretary shall make a fair copy of the record and finding, under their supervision, which shall be signed by the Commissioners, attested by the Secretary, and presented to the Master, who, at the next meeting of his Lodge, shall, in the presence of its members only, announce the results, and direct the Secretary to record the same as the judgment of the Lodge and file the record for safe keeping among its archives.

(See Dec. 97.)

Sec. 158. The penalties which may be inflicted are reprimand in open Lodge, suspension, or expulsion. If the sentence be reprimand, the Master shall summon the adjudged to appear at the next stated meeting, when it shall be carried into effect in the presence only of members of the Lodge. If it be suspension or expulsion, it shall at once go into effect, and the Secretary shall immediately notify the person suspended or expelled and the Grand Secretary thereof.

(See Dec. 85, 86a.)

Sec. 159. An appeal may be taken to the Grand Lodge by either party at its next succeeding Annual Communication, but not unless a notice of such intended appeal shall be given to the Master, in writing, within thirty days after his announcement of the result of the trial. In all appealed cases, and in all cases of expulsion or suspension, whether appealed or not, the Master shall cause the Secretary to prepare a transcript of the record of trial, and immediately transmit it to the Grand Secretary, together with information of the appeal intended, if any there be.

ARTICLE V.

OF REVISIONS, REVERSALS, AND RESTORATIONS

SECTION 160. All transcripts of trial records, required to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, shall by him be forwarded to the Committee on Grievances, who shall examine them, with such additional evidence in writing, if any, as may be presented, and shall report thereon at the next succeeding Annual Communication, and upon such report the Grand Lodge may affirm, modify, or reverse the judgment of the Lodge, or may make such other order relative thereto as shall be deemed proper.

Sec. 161. Whenever a judgment of suspension or expulsion shall be reversed and set aside by the Grand Lodge, the brother who had been suspended or expelled shall be at once again entitled to all his rights and privileges as a member of the Lodge.

Sec. 162. All sentences of suspension shall be for an indefinite period; and a Lodge may, at any stated meeting, by the votes of two-thirds of the members present, annul any such sentence of suspension pronounced by itself, and restore the Mason thus suspended to all his Masonic rights and privileges; *provided,* that notice of a resolution for such restoration shall have been given at the stated meeting next preceding. And, in case of such restoration, the Secretary shall at once notify the restored party and the Grand Secretary thereof.

(See Dec. 86a.)

Sec. 163. The Grand Lodge may, at any Annual Communication, if good cause therefor be shown and proof be given of the notice hereinafter prescribed, *restore* to the rights and privileges of Masonry any Mason who has been suspended or expelled within its jurisdiction, but such restoration shall not restore him to membership in the Lodge by which he was suspended or expelled.

Sec. 164. Whenever any Mason, suspended for unmasonic conduct, desires to petition the Grand Lodge for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, he shall first make application for such restoration to the Lodge by which he was suspended, if it still be in existence. If his application be there refused, it may then be made to the Grand Lodge, *provided* that notice in writing be given to the Lodge of such intended application, not less than forty days preceding the Annual Communication.

Sec. 165. Whenever any expelled Mason desires to petition the Grand Lodge for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, he shall, in writing, notify the Lodge which expelled him, if it still be in existence, of his intention to do so, at least sixty days before the Annual Communication at which his petition is to be presented, accompanying said notice with a copy of such intended petition; and, before said petition shall be considered by the Grand Lodge, proof of the giving said notice to the Lodge shall be furnished.

Sec. 166. Whenever any Lodge desires to petition the Grand Lodge for the restoration of an expelled Mason to the rights and privileges of Masonry, the Master thereof shall give due notice to all members of his Lodge, so far as practicable, of such intended action and of the stated meeting, at which it will be had; and at such meeting he shall cause to be recorded the fact that such notice was thus duly given. The votes of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to authorize the presentation of such petition to the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 167. Non-affiliated Masons who, under the provisions of Sec. 124, Art. II, Part V, are deemed to occupy the same position as those suspended for non-payment of dues, and who desire to restore themselves by affiliation, may do so upon payment of a sum equivalent to six months' dues of the Lodge to which they shall apply; or, if they desire to restore themselves by contribution, they shall pay a sum equivalent to the amount

of the regular dues to the Lodge within whose jurisdiction they reside, during the whole period of such residence, and shall continue so to pay unless sickness or inability be shown to the Lodge as the reason for such non-affiliation or non-payment.

(See Dec. 7; Regs. 1, 2.)

Sec. 168. No suspension, expulsion, or restoration shall be published otherwise than is hereinbefore provided, except by authority of the Grand Lodge or by order of the Grand Master.

PART VII.

Of Amendments, Definitions and Forms.

ARTICLE I.

OF AMENDMENTS

SECTION 169. Any proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be presented at an Annual Communication and shall in all cases be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who shall report before a vote thereon be taken.

Sec. 170. Upon the report of said committee, if five-sixths of the votes shall be in favor of such proposed amendment, it shall be declared adopted; and, from and after the close of that Communication, shall become part of the Constitution.

Sec. 171. If the vote in favor of such proposed amendment be less than that named in the preceding section, but there be a majority therefor, it shall lie over for one year and shall be published with the proceedings, under the caption of "Proposed Amendment to the Constitution"; and if, at the next succeeding Annual Communication, it shall receive two-thirds of the votes given thereon, it shall be declared adopted, and from and after the close of that Communication, it shall become a part of the Constitution.

Sec. 172. No vote upon a proposed amendment shall be taken after the election of the Grand Officers.

ARTICLE II.

OF DEFINITIONS

SECTION 173. The words and terms used in this Constitution shall bear the construction which is given them in the following definitions:

GRAND MASTER.—This title applies, not only to him who has been elected and installed as Grand Master, but to either of the Grand Officers who, under the provisions of Sec. 36, Art. II, Part II, of this Constitution, shall have succeeded to the powers and duties of the Grand Master.

MASTER.—This title applies, not only to him who has been duly elected and installed as Master, but to either of the Wardens who, under the provisions of Sec. 111, Art. III, Part IV, of this Constitution, shall have succeeded to the powers and duties of the Master.

PAST GRAND OFFICER.—This title applies only to one of the seven elective Grand Officers who have been regularly elected and installed, and has served his term as such in this Grand Lodge, and who remains a member, in good standing, of some Lodge under its jurisdiction.

PAST MASTER.—This title applies only to one who has been regularly elected or named in a charter and installed, and has served a term as Master of a chartered Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and who remains a member, in good standing, of one of its subordinates. Provided that Past Masters of other jurisdictions

who shall affiliate with a Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be carried on the roll of Past Masters, but shall not be entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge, as provided in Sec. 20, Art. VI, Part I.

REPRESENTATIVE.—The representative of a Lodge within Arizona is one who, being a member thereof, in the event that neither the Master nor either of the Wardens can be present at the Grand Lodge, has been elected by the Lodge at a stated meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by ballot, and by a majority of the votes present, to represent it at the next Communication. A Lodge without Arizona may be represented by a member of any Lodge under this jurisdiction, elected as before prescribed.
(See Dec. 53.)

VACANCY.—Vacancies in office, either in a Lodge or in the Grand Lodge, may occur by death, deprivation, resignation, removal from the jurisdiction, suspension, or expulsion.
(See Dec. 50, 82c.)

JURISDICTION.—The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge includes all Lodges and Masons within its territorial limits, and all Lodges and their members without Arizona, acting under its authority.

The jurisdiction of a Lodge includes all its own members, wherever residing, and all Masons residing nearer to its place of meeting than to that of any other Lodge within Arizona, except in towns or cities where more than one Lodge exists, in which case each of such Lodges has separate jurisdiction over its own members, and concurrent

jurisdiction over all Masons, not members of one of such Lodges, who reside in such town or city, or nearer thereto than to any other place where a Lodge exists.

REGULATION.—By a regulation of the Grand Lodge is meant any resolution, edict, law, or ordinance of any kind whatever, other than the Constitution, which it may adopt.

SUSPENSION.—The suspension of a Lodge is an arrest of its charter and a temporary prohibition to assemble or work as a legal Lodge, until again authorized so to do by competent authority; and the act suspends all its members except those especially exempted from its effect.

The suspension of the Master of a Lodge is a temporary deprivation of his office, and prohibits all recognition of him in that capacity until he be restored by competent authority.

The suspension of a Mason is a temporary deprivation of all his rights and privileges as such, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he shall be legally restored in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

EXPULSION.—The expulsion of a Mason is the highest penalty known to the Masonic law. It is an absolute deprivation of all the rights and privileges of the Order, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him forever, unless he be restored by the Grand Lodge.

NOTIFICATION.—A notification, or notice, is a call issued by the Secretary, by order of the Lodge or Master, or by other competent authority as hereinbefore provided, to attend for some specific purpose at the time and place therein indicated, or to perform some specific duty therein set forth; and it is the duty of every Mason to comply with its direction if he can, without great inconvenience, do so. It shall be either written or printed, and shall, when practicable, be personally served upon the brother to be notified by a Tyler or some other Mason properly deputed for the purpose. If this cannot conveniently be done, it shall be left at the residence or usual place of business of such brother, or, if such residence or place of business is distant or unknown, it may be placed in the postoffice, addressed to him at his last known place of residence; and this shall be deemed due and sufficient service.

SUMMONS.—A Summons is an imperative order, issued by the Master or by other competent authority, as hereinbefore provided, to appear at such time and place as may therein be designated. The obligation to obey it is absolute and the penalty for disobedience shall be expulsion, unless it shall be shown that such disobedience was unavoidable or was occasioned by some pressing necessity.

(See Dec. 86.)

STATED MEETING.—The stated meeting of a Lodge is the one only meeting in each lunar month at which business may be done, with the excep-

tions specified in Sec. 65, Art. II, Part III. It shall be designated as such in the by-laws of each Lodge, and no adjourned or called meeting shall ever be considered as a part of such stated meeting.

ARTICLE III.

OF FORMS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES

Sec. 174. *Certificate for a diploma for a Master Mason.*

.....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M. }
.....A. L. 59..... }

To the Very Worshipful.....,
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arizona:—

I hereby certify that Brother..... is a Master Mason and a member of this Lodge, in good standing; and as such he is hereby recommended for a Grand Lodge Diploma, upon payment of the usual fees.

Given under my hand and the seal of
(Seal) the Lodge aforesaid, at the date above written.

.....Secretary.

Certificate for Diploma for benefit of family of a deceased Brother.

.....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M.
.....A. L. 59..... }

To the Very Worshipful.....,
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arizona:—

I hereby certify that Brother....., who died at....., on the.....day of ....., A. L. 59....., was, at the date of his decease, a Master Mason and a member of this Lodge in good standing; and that he left *(here insert "a widow," "a child" or "children" or any of them, as the case may be)*, for whose benefit a Grand Lodge Diploma is desired.

Given by order of our Lodge aforesaid, at the date first above written, as witness my hand and the seal thereof.

(Seal)

.....Secretary.

Petition for a Dispensation to form a new Lodge.

To the Most Worshipful.....,
Grand Master of Masons in Arizona:—

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are Master Masons in good standing; that they were last members of the respective Lodges named opposite their several signatures hereunto, as will appear from the dimit of each of the petitioners, herewith transmitted; that they reside in or near the.....

of....., in the county of....., Arizona; that among them are a sufficient number of brethren well qualified to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and to discharge all its various duties in the three degrees of Ancient Masonry, in accordance with established usage; and that, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart and being desirous to use their best endeavors for the diffusion of its benificent principles, they pray for a Dispensation empowering them to form, open, and hold a regular Lodge, at the.....of....., aforesaid, to be called.....Lodge.

They have nominated and respectfully recommend Brother..... as the first Master; Brother.....as the first Senior Warden; and Brother.....as the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge; they being each, in all respects, competent to perform all the duties of either of the stations for which they are severally proposed; and, if the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise in all things strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master, and undeviating conformity to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Dated at.....on the..... day of....., A. L. 59.....

*Signature	Name and No. of Lodge	State or Country

*These signatures must give ALL the names of each petitioner, in FULL.

Recommendation of a Petition for the formation of a new Lodge.

.....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M.
.....Lodge A. L. 59.....

To the Most Worshipful.....,

Grand Master of Masons in Arizona:—

At a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

"*Whereas,* a petition for the issue of a Dispensation to form and open a new Lodge at..... in the county of....., has been presented to this Lodge for its recommendation; *And Whereas,* it is known to this Lodge that the signers to said petition, ...in number, are all Master Masons in good standing, and that a safe and suitable Lodge room has been provided by them for their meetings; it is

"*Resolved,* That the establishment of said new Lodge is of manifest propriety and will conduce to the good of the Order; and that this Lodge recommends to the Grand Master the granting of the Dispensation prayed for in said petition."

A true copy from the minutes.

(Seal) In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of our Lodge aforesaid, at the date above written.

.....Secretary.

Certificate of Qualification of Officers proposed for a new Lodge.

To the Most Worshipful.....,
Grand Master of Masons in Arizona:—

The petition of.....brethren, residing at the.....of....., in the county of....., praying the Grand Master for a Dispensation to open and hold a new Lodge at said....., to be called..... Lodge, having been presented to me; and Brothers .....and....., being recommended therein for nomination, respectively, as Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden of said proposed new Lodge; now I, ..., Grand Lecturer or Deputy Grand Lecturer, of .....Lodge, No....., do hereby certify that, to my positive knowledge, each of said brethren is fully competent properly to confer the three degrees of Masonry and to deliver entire the several lectures thereunto appertaining.

Given at....., in the county of....., this.....day of....., A. L. 59.....

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Grand Lecturer or Deputy Grand Lecturer.

Petition for a Charter.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of
Arizona:—

The undersigned respectfully represent that on the.....day of....., A. L. 59....., a Dispensation was issued by the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge at....., in the county of....., by the name of.....Lodge; that on the....day of....., next ensuing, the said Lodge was opened and organized, and has since continued successfully to work during the period named in said Dispensation, as will appear from its records, by-laws and returns, herewith presented; and that it is the anxious desire of the members of said Lodge that its existence be perpetuated.

They therefore pray that a Charter be granted to said Lodge by the name of.....Lodge, with such number as the usage of the Grand Lodge may assign it; and recommend that Brother.....be named therein as Master, Brother.....as Senior Warden, and Brother.....as Junior Warden; promising, as heretofore, strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master, and undeviating conformity to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Given by instruction from and on behalf of said Lodge, at....., this.....day of....., A. L. 59.....

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Delegates.

Notice of Rejections, Suspensions, Expulsions, and Restorations.

.....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M.
.....A. L. 59.....

To the Very Worshipful.....,
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arizona:—

I hereby certify that, at a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written, the petition of....., an applicant for the degrees of Masonry, was rejected.

(*Or,* I hereby certify that, at a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written, Brother....., after due notice as prescribed in the Constitution, was declared to be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, for non-payment of dues.)

(*Or,* I hereby certify that, at a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written, Brother....., after due trial in the manner prescribed in the Constitution, was declared to be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for unmasonic conduct.)

(*Or,* I hereby certify that, at a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written, Brother....., after due trial in the manner prescribed in the Constitution, was declared to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for unmasonic conduct.)

(*Or,* I hereby certify that, at a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written,

Brother....., heretofore by it suspended for non-payment of dues, having paid up (or received a remission of) all arrearages, as provided in the Constitution, resumed his rights and privileges as a Mason and as a member of this Lodge.)

(*Or,* I hereby certify that, at a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written, Brother....., heretofore by it suspended for unmasonic conduct, was, by a two-thirds vote, in the manner prescribed in the Constitution, restored to all his rights and privileges as a Mason and as a member of this Lodge.)

Given under my hand and the seal of
(Seal) of our Lodge aforesaid.

.....Secretary.

Notice of Special Meeting to elect Trial-Commissioners.

.....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M.
.....A. L. 59.....
Brother.....

You are hereby notified to attend a special meeting of this Lodge, to be holden on the.....day of....., A. L. 59....., at.....o'clock, ...M., for the purpose of electing Commissioners to try a brother upon a charge of unmasonic conduct preferred against him by a Master Mason in good standing.

By order of the Master, as witness my
(Seal) signature and the seal of our Lodge.

.....Secretary.

Recommendatory Certificate of Withdrawal (Dimit).

To all Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons,
Wherever dispersed around the Globe,

GREETING:

This is to certify that Brother....., whose signature appears in the margin hereof, is a Master Mason in good standing, and was, until this date, a member of our .....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Arizona. Having paid all his dues, and being in good fellowship with the brethren, he has voluntarily withdrawn from our said Lodge; and now, by its order, receives this certificate, recommending him to the fellowship and good will of the Fraternity wherever he may be.

Signature.....

Given at the hall of our Lodge aforesaid, at....., in the county of....., Arizona, this..... day of....., A. L. 59....., as witness my hand, the seal of our Lodge, and the attestation of our Secretary.

(Seal)

.....Master.

Attest:.....Secretary.

Certificate of Membership.

.....Lodge, No....., F. & A. M.

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of

.....Lodge, No.....:

This is to certify that Brother....., a member in good standing of this Lodge, and whose dues are paid, having made application for a Dimit, and notice having been received that said brother has petitioned your Lodge for affiliation therein, a Dimit will be granted upon condition that said brother shall consummate said affiliation. Of which action you will give this Lodge timely notice and in the event of failure to consummate such affiliation, this certificate of membership is to be returned to this Lodge.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Lodge at.....this..... day of....., A. L. 59.....

(Seal)

.....Secretary.

Certificate of Withdrawal without Recommendation.

To all whom it may concern:—

This is to certify that Brother....., heretofore a member of our.....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M., under the jurisdiction

of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, has paid his dues in full and has this day withdrawn from membership in said Lodge.

Given at the Hall of our Lodge aforesaid, at....., in the county
(Seal) of....., Arizona, this ....day of....., A. L. 59....., as witness my hand, the seal of our Lodge, and the attestation of our Secretary.

.....Master.

Attest:.....Secretary.

Credential for a Representative elected by a Lodge.

.....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M.
.....A. L. 59.....

This is to certify that, at a..... meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written, it having been made known that neither the Master nor either of the Wardens thereof would be enabled to attend the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication, Brother....., a member of the Lodge, was, by ballot, duly elected to serve as its Representative during said Communication.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
(Seal) set my hand, and have caused the Secretary to affix the seal of our Lodge, with his attestation, at the date above written.

.....Master.

Attest:.....Secretary.

(See Dec. 53.)

Petition for Degrees.

.....Arizona....., 19...

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of

.....Lodge, No....., F. & A. M.

The undersigned respectfully represents that, unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, he freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry; that he is prompted to solicit this privilege by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to his fellow creatures; and that he promises, if found worthy, to conform to all the ancient usages and regulations of the Fraternity.

1. What is your full name?.....
2. What is your age?.....
3. What is the date of your birth?.....
4. Where were you born?.....
5. Where do you reside?.....
6. State explicitly your business occupation for the past ten years, and where conducted .....
7. Have you resided in the State of Arizona, the twelve months last past, and the place above named more than six months?.....
8. Where have you resided the ten years last past? If in more than one place, state the particular years in each place.....

9. Have you ever presented a petition to any Masonic Lodge? If so, when, and to what Lodge? .....
10. Have you ever been rejected by any Masonic Lodge? If so, when, and by what Lodge? .....
11. Do you believe in a Supreme Being?.....
12. Are you in sound bodily health?.....
13. Have you read all the questions contained in the foregoing petition? And do you, upon your honor, declare your foregoing statements to be true?.....

.....
Signature IN FULL of Applicant.

Recommended by Brothers.....and.....
To be members of the Lodge.

Refers to Messrs.....and.....

Application for Affiliation—Accompanied by Dimit.

To the Worshipful Master, the Wardens and Members of
.....Lodge, No....., F. & A. M.

The undersigned respectfully represents that he is a Master Mason, in good standing; that he was last a member of.....Lodge, No....., located in....., County of....., State of....., from which he has

honorably withdrawn, as by the accompanying Dimit will appear; and that he now desires, if found worthy, to become a member of your Lodge.

1. That his full name is.....
2. That he was born....., 18..., at.....
3. That he resides *(give full address)*.....
4. That explicitly stated his business occupation is .....
5. That he has never been rejected for membership by affiliation by any Lodge, *except *(Date)*..... by.....Lodge No....., located at.....
6. That he is in sound bodily health.

Dated.....19.....

.....

Signature IN FULL of Applicant.

Recommended by Brothers.....and.....

To be members of the Lodge.

Refers to Messrs.....and.....

*(*If the applicant has never been rejected strike out remainder of paragraph after "Lodge.")*

Application for Affiliation—Accompanied by Certificate.

To the Worshipful Master, the Wardens and Brethren of

.....Lodge, No....., F. & A. M.

The undersigned respectfully represents that he is a Master Mason, in good standing, and a mem-

ber of.....Lodge, No....., located in....., County of....., State of....., as by the accompanying certificate will appear; and that he now desires, if found worthy, to become a member of your Lodge.

1. That his full name is.....
2. That he was born....., 18..., at.....
3. That he resides *(give full address)*.....
4. That explicitly stated his business occupation is .....
5. That he has never been rejected for membership by affiliation by any Lodge, *except *(Date)*..... by..... Lodge, No....., located at.....
6. That he is in sound bodily health.

Dated.....19.....

.....
Signature IN FULL of Applicant.

Recommended by Brothers.....and.....
To be members of the Lodge.

Refers to Messrs.....and.....

*(*If the applicant has never been rejected strike out remainder of paragraph after "Lodge.")*

Certificate of Election, Appointment, and Installation of Officers.

.....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M.
.....A. L. 59.....

To the Very Worshipful.....,
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arizona:—

I hereby certify that, at the stated meeting of this Lodge, held on the day above written, it being that next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing Masonic year, viz.:

Bro....., Master,
Bro....., Sen. Warden,
Bro....., Jun. Warden,
Bro....., Treasurer, and
Bro....., Secretary.

That, on the...day of....., A. L. 59...., the following officers were duly appointed to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, viz.:

Bro....., Chaplain,*
Bro....., Sen. Deacon,
Bro....., Jun. Deacon,
Bro....., Marshal,*
Bro....., Steward,*
Bro....., Steward,* and
Bro....., Tyler.

And that, on the.....day of....., A. L. 59....., the said officers were duly installed by

(here give the name and Masonic title of the installing officer).

Given under my hand and the seal of our Lodge, on the day last above written.

(Seal)

.....Secretary.

*The Constitution does not make the appointment of these officers obligatory, but permits the by-laws of Lodges to authorize it.

General Regulations

Regulation No. 1.

To give full force and effect to Section 124, Article II, Part V., of the Constitution, the Masters of the various Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, are hereby authorized and empowered, and it is made their duty to enquire into the Masonic standing of all persons claiming to be Masons, residing within the jurisdiction of their respective Lodges, and all such as are found to come within the purview of said section of the Constitution shall, under instructions from the Master, be notified by the Secretary of the Lodge, under its seal, that unless at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge they restore themselves by affiliation or contribution, as provided for in Section 167, Article V, Part VI, of the Constitution, they will be declared suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. If neither of these things be done, they shall, at such Stated Communication, be declared by the Master to be so suspended, unless, for special reasons shown, the Lodge shall remit the dues or grant further time for their payment.

(See Dec. 7.)

Regulation No. 2.

Resolved, That hereafter there shall be no fee for affiliation within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and all subordinate Lodges are hereby

ordered to strike same from the By-Laws of their respective Lodges, and confine themselves exclusively to Part VI, Article V, Section 167, of our Constitution and By-Laws.

Regulation No. 3.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the examination of candidates as to proficiency, preparatory to advancement, can be lawfully held and done at any stated, special or called meeting of a subordinate Lodge.

Regulaton No. 4—*Repealed.*

Regulation No. 5.

Secretaries of subordinate Lodges are authorized to drop from their annual returns the names of all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have been returned for two years previous and who have not in that period applied for advancement.

Regulation No. 6.

That the Grand Secretary be instructed and empowered to amend the list of members of the subordinate Lodges, published with the Grand Lodge proceedings, so as to show the members suspended or expelled at the time of going to press.

Regulation No. 7.

That hereafter no Master shall be installed until he shall present to the Installing Officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer or Deputy Grand

Lecturer for the district in which the Lodge shall be located, showing his ability to confer the degrees of Masonry in accordance with our ritual.

Regulation No. 8.

That either a recommendatory certificate or a certificate of withdrawal without recommendation, as laid down in our Constitution, is a proper dimit, and entitles the brother holding the same to apply for affiliation with another Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

Regulation No. 9.

It is the order of this Grand Lodge that no Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction shall incorporate.

Regulation No. 10.

Resolved, That the following regulation be and is hereby adopted by this Grand Lodge as its definition of eligibility of candidates: The person who desires to be made a Mason must be a man; no woman or eunuch; free born, being neither a slave nor the son of a bond woman; a believer in God and a future existence; of moral conduct; capable of reading and writing; having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, and physically able to conform literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him.

Note.—In 1926, page 82, Proceedings, the following was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That it is the sentiment of this Grand Lodge that Regulation No. 10 of the General Reg-

ulations of the Grand Lodge of Arizona be *liberally* construed.

(See Dec. 72. Note 5, Dec. 74, 78.)

Regulation No. 11.

Any Lodge, desiring to do so, may provide, by the adoption of a standing resolution to that effect, which resolution shall not be acted upon at the stated meeting at which it is introduced, nor until notice in writing thereof shall have been forwarded by mail to every member, for a system of life membership, which shall forever exempt the life member from the payment of dues therein.

Said resolution shall provide that no life membership shall be granted except upon payment of a sum of money named therein, which sum shall, in case the annual dues are $12.00, be not less than the sum of $150.00, and the minimum amount to be proportionately greater or less as the dues are greater or less; and shall further provide that all amounts paid for life membership shall be invested only in such reputable banks of deposit or in such bonds of the United States, Arizona, or some city, county or town thereof, or in such other first-class stocks, bonds, or securities as may be directed by the Lodge and approved by the Master, and that only the income thereof shall be used by the Lodge, the original amounts to be forever kept and maintained as and for a permanent Life Membership Fund.

Said resolution shall require the secretary in making his annual report to the Grand Lodge, to report the number of life members borne on the

roll, the amount of the fund thus created and the manner in which the said fund is invested.

Regulation No. 12.

Hereafter, when a petition for the degrees, or an application for affiliation in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall be received, the Master, when appointing the Committee on Investigation, shall not announce the names of said Committee in open Lodge; but shall privately inform the Secretary as to the names of the said Committee. When this Committee makes its report it shall be to the Master, and he to the Lodge, and after the vote has been taken, said reports shall be destroyed.

Regulation No. 13.

Every Brother who has been raised to the degree of Master Mason, shall within six months after being raised be required to pass a satisfactory examination in the lecture of the Third Degree, either in open Lodge or before the regular Examining Committee, otherwise he shall not be permitted to vote on any matter before the Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Master to see that this Regulation is strictly enforced.

(See Dec. 59, 100.)

Regulation No. 14.

No Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall expend for any purpose not wholly Masonic more than ten per cent of its total revenue for the preceding

year; provided, that to such sum may be added any contribution the members may make.
(See Dec. 45.)

Regulation No. 15.

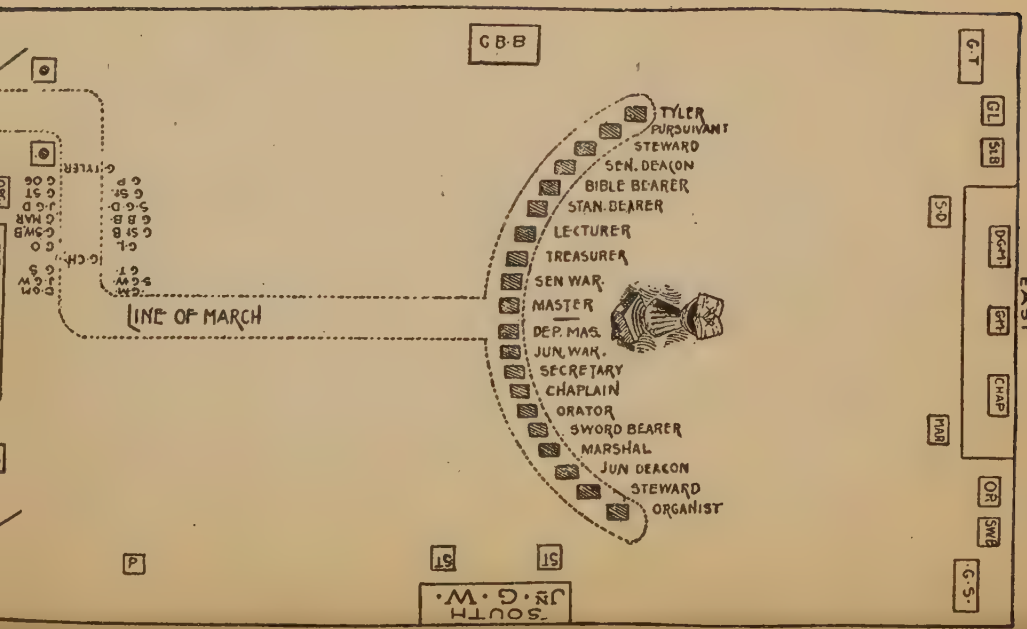
Any Chartered Lodge not complying with Sec. 67 of the Constitution, which reads as follows: "Each Chartered Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a full and correct report of its transactions for the twelve months next preceding the first day of January in each year, within fifteen days thereafter"; *shall not be allowed representation at the next Annual Communication unless by unanimous vote of the Brethren.*

The Grand Secretary shall stamp or note on the Returns from Subordinate Lodges the date of receipt thereof and report the delinquents at the next session of this Grand Body.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

OF THE

GRAND LODGE



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INSTALLATION SERVICE

Compiled by

MORRIS GOLDWATER, P. G. M., P. G. L.

The Grand Lodge is called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of installing its officers. The retiring officers vacate their places. The jewels are placed on a small table in front of the Installing Officer. The officers to be installed retire to the preparation room and form in the order shown on diagram. When the Grand Marshal conducts the officers into the Lodge room the brethren are called up by the Installing Officer, and remain standing until the Grand Marshal has conducted the officers-elect to the seats prepared for them, when all are seated.

Each Grand Master may install his successor, or he may ask some Past Grand Master to do so. After the Grand Master is installed he may install the other elected and appointed officers, but he usually requests the Installing Officer to continue the service.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Grand Master the officers-elect are before you ready for installation.

Installing Officer.—Brethren of the Grand Lodge, you see before you the officers chosen for the ensuing year. If any member knows a just

reason why any of them should not be installed, let him now make it known.

(If no objections be made, he proceeds:)

We are happy to observe that you still approve the choice made and we will now proceed to install them. Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Master elect.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I have the honor to present Bro..... for installation, he having been duly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Arizona.

Installing Officer.—As we are now upon the threshold of a great and important undertaking, Masonic teachings require that we should bow in solemn prayer, with our Very Reverend Grand Chaplain.

Grand Chaplain.—Let us pray.

(The following or any other appropriate prayer may be given:)

Eternal Source of Life and Light! We humbly implore Thy divine favor upon this occasion, and upon the institution in whose services we are now engaged. Make it yet more helpful and beneficial to our race, and inspire all who are connected with it with an ardent love to Thee, to each other, and to every member of the human family. Bless now thy servant before Thee, who is about to assume a new and important relation to his brethren. Give him wisdom, give him strength, give him love. Enable him to rule, that he may keep in

view the best interests of the great brotherhood now about to be committed to his charge. Teach him to feel that he is about to assume great and trying responsibilities, and enable him so to discharge them as to win all hearts. Grant Thy blessing upon the brethren who are to be associated with him in office. May they feel a just sense of their accountability to Thee and to the Fraternity; and may they ever be faithful and zealous, and assist to uphold the hands of their chief in all good deeds. In Thee, O God, as in the days of our apprenticeship, do we put our trust. Be Thou our friend, conductor and guide in the unseen vicissitudes of life before us, and bring us all at last to see the Great Light, inaccessible and full of glory, in Thy presence, where we shall behold Thee with unclouded vision for evermore. Amen.

Response by the Brethren.—So mote it be.

Installing Officer.—MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: We most cordially congratulate you upon your election to this, the most distinguished and important office within the gift of Masons. The confidence displayed by the members of this Grand Lodge in electing you to supreme command, is an ample guarantee to the Masonic world, of your wisdom and your worth. You cannot, my brother, but be aware of the deep and solemn importance of the station you are now about to assume, nor of the many cares and perplexities which attend its unequalled honors. These perplexities, however,

will be greatly alleviated by the affectionate sympathy and active assistance of your brethren, who have full confidence that you will discharge the important duties of your station with credit to yourself and honor to the Fraternity. I will now administer to you the obligation pertaining to your office.

(The members of the Grand Lodge are called up.)

Do you solemnly promise, in the presence of Almighty God, and of this Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, that you will, to the best of your ability, faithfully and impartially perform all the duties incumbent on your office; that you will conform to the constitution, laws, rules and regulations of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge; and that you will enforce a strict obedience to the same, from all subject to your authority?

Grand Master Elect.—I do, God being my help.

Installing Officer.—Let me congratulate you, Most Worshipful Sir, on the honor of being raised, from the level of equality, to the high station of presiding over all the Lodges in Arizona and the Masonic jurisdiction thereof. We look up with confidence to a brother whose person is endeared to us by that love of the fraternity which is sanctified by the experience of many revolving years. May the Father of light, of life, and of love, invest you with His choicest gifts; may heavenly wisdom illumine your mind; may heavenly power give strength to your exertions; may heavenly goodness fill and enlarge your breast;

may your feet rest upon the rock of justice; from your hands may streams of beneficence continually flow; and round your head may there bend a circle made splendid by the rays of honor; and late, very late in life, may you be transmitted from the fading honors of an earthly Lodge, to the mansions prepared for the faithful in another and a better world.

Let me congratulate you, the Grand Officers, and other brethren, on the election of our Grand Master. As it is *his* duty to *command,* according to our constitution, so it is *ours* with readiness to *obey*. Look to the sun, and behold the planetary worlds revolving round him in continual order and harmony with the happiest effect, and learn to imitate their regularity in the hope of obtaining from the chair of *Solomon* the light of wisdom and the warmth of love. Or look higher still, and behold the cherubin and seraphim, who are exhibited to us in the oracles of revelation, as flaming spirits, burning with zeal and love before the throne of God. Behold the heavenly host, filled with love to their Creator, and love to our race. See these ministering spirits, exercising their kind offices to men, relieving their wants, securing them from danger, and endeavoring to promote their good.

> "Myriads of spiritual beings walk the earth
> Unseen, or when we sleep, or when we wake."

Of them let us learn, to rise in our affection to the great Father of all, and thence descending, expand the heart from brother to brother, and to all mankind. Of them let us learn, never to be weary in well-doing, but "to mourn with them that

mourn and to rejoice with them that do rejoice," until, having finished our work on earth, we shall be admitted to the temple above, "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

I now, Most Worshipful Brother, have the honor to invest you with this jewel of your office. I also present you this gavel, the emblem of your Masonic authority, and welcome you (clasps his hand) to the East of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Arizona, and ask the privilege of being the first to assure you of fealty and obedience.

(The Grand Master is then covered, and the Installing Officer uncovers.)

I now hail, salute and proclaim you Grand Master of Masons of Arizona.

Brethren of Arizona, behold your Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, behold your brethren.

(The brethren, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, form in procession and passing three times around the Lodge give the private Grand honors. During the procession an ode may be sung. The Grand Master will seat the brethren.)

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Deputy Grand Master elect.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been duly elected to serve as Deputy Grand Master of Masons of Arizona.

Installing Officer.—RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: The office to which you have been elected is one of high dignity, and may become one of great importance; for, in the absence of the Grand Master from the Communications of the Grand Lodge or from the limits of its jurisdiction, you are by law invested with his powers, and may exercise his comprehensive prerogatives. In view of such emergencies allow us to remind you of the duty devolving on you to be thoroughly prepared amply to fill his distinguished position with honor to yourself and profit to the Craft. I now, with much pleasure invest you with this jewel of your office, and congratulate you upon assuming your seat upon the right of the Grand Master in the East.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal you will present the Senior Grand Warden elect.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been duly elected Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge.

Installing Officer.—RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: By the suffrages of the members of this Grand Lodge, you have been elected their Senior Grand Warden, and we now invest you with this jewel of your office. Your regular attendance at the communications of this Grand Lodge is essentially necessary. In the absence of

the Grand Master and his Deputy, you are to govern the Craft; in their presence you are to strengthen and support the authority of your chief. The brethren firmly rely on your knowledge of Masonry and your attachment to our institution, for the discharge of the duties of this important trust.—LOOK WELL TO THE WEST.

The Grand Marshal conducts the S. G. W. and each officer as installed, to his station or place.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Junior Grand Warden elect.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been duly elected Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge.

Installing Officer.—RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: Your brethren having shown their confidence in your fidelity, by electing you their Junior Grand Warden, it affords me much pleasure to invest you with this jewel of your office. Your regular and punctual attendance at the communications of the Grand Lodge is earnestly requested. In the absence of your Superior officers, *you* are to govern the Craft; in their presence you will aid them in their labors. Your past devotion to the duties of Free Masonry is a sufficient guarantee that you will faithfully execute the duties which are incumbent on you, and as a vigilant Warden you will LOOK WELL TO THE SOUTH.

GRAND TREASURER.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Treasurer elect.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been duly elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge.

Installing Officer.—VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: You have been elected to the very responsible office of Grand Treasurer, and I am happy to have the privilege of investing you with this jewel of your office. It is your duty to receive all moneys due the Grand Lodge, to make due entries of the same, and pay them out by order of the Grand Master, and with the consent of the Grand Lodge. The office you now hold embraces an important trust, and the choice of your brethren is an evidence of the high opinion they entertain of your fidelity and discretion. We do not doubt that your regard for the fraternity will prompt you to the faithful discharge of your duties.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Secretary elect.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been elected Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

Installing Officer.—VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: You have been elected to the very important office of Grand Secretary, and I now invest you with this jewel of your office. It is your duty to observe all the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and to make a fair record of all things proper to be written. You are also the official organ of the Grand Lodge and in that capacity you will conduct correspondence, and act as the medium of intercourse between the fraternity and our Grand Master. In the discharge of these extensive duties, let your carriage and behavior be marked by that promptitude and discretion that will at once reflect credit on yourself and honor on the body whom you represent.

GRAND LECTURER.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will now present the Grand Lecturer elect.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been elected Grand Lecturer of this Grand Lodge.

Installing Officer.—WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: You have been elected the Grand Lecturer of this jurisdiction and we now invest you with this jewel of your office. It is your duty to instruct the craft in the due performance of their duty; to communicate light and information to the uninformed; to preserve our ritual and our Traditions in the memory of the fraternity, to see that

the Ancient Landmarks of the Order are not removed by unskillful hands; and by your instructions to our Constituent Lodges, to illustrate the genius and vindicate the principles of our institution. It is to be presumed that one whom his brethren have thought capable of discharging so important and difficult a trust, will require no prompting for the proper performance of his duty. Let it be your object, while inculcating upon the members of this time-honored society a faithful regard for its obligations, to impress the world at large with a favorable opinion of its design and tendency.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Rev. Brother..... who has been appointed Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge.

Installing Officer.—VERY REVEREND BROTHER: The sacred position of Grand Chaplain has been intrusted to your care, and I now have the honor to invest you with this jewel of your sacred office. In the discharge of your duties you will be required to lead the devotional exercises of our Grand Communications, and to perform the sacred functions of your holy calling at our public ceremonies. Though Masonry be not religion, it is emphatically religion's hand maid, and we are sure that in ministering at its altar, the services you

may perform will lose nothing of their vital influence because they are practiced in that spirit of universal tolerance which distinguishes our institution. The doctrines of morality and virtue, which you are accustomed to inculcate to the world, as the minister of God, will form the appropriate lessons you are expected to communicate to your brethren in the Grand Lodge. The profession which you have chosen for your lot in life is the best guarantee that you will discharge the duties of your present appointment with steadfastness and perseverance in well doing. Your station in the Grand Lodge is in the East, and on the left of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

GRAND ORATOR.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will next present the Grand Orator.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been appointed Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge.

Installing Officer. — WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: You have been appointed to the office of Grand Orator. I now invest you with this jewel of your office. Your reputation as a wise and discreet Freemason has designated you for this post of distinction. You enter upon the discharge of the duties of your office with the assurance of the confidence and respect of your brethren. Be it your

care to merit this high meed, ever bearing in mind the first lesson in Masonry: "Truth is a divine attribute; and the foundation of every virtue."

GRAND MARSHAL.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Marshal.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been appointed Grand Marshal of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

Installing Officer.—WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: You have been appointed Grand Marshal and we now invest you with this jewel of your office, and present you with this baton, as the ensign of your authority.

It is your duty to proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation, to arrange all processions of the Grand Lodge, and to preserve order according to the forms prescribed. Skill and precision are essentially necessary to the faithful discharge of these duties, and it is hoped you will soon prove proficient.

GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Standard Bearer.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been appointed Grand Standard Bearer.

Installing Officer. — WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: You have been appointed Grand Standard Bearer of this Grand Lodge. Your duty is to carry and uphold the banner of the Grand Lodge on occasions of ceremony and public processions. Receive this jewel of your office, and let it remind you that you are never to part with the Standard, when under your care, while you have life to defend it.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Sword Bearer.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been appointed Grand Sword Bearer.

Installing Officer. — WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: You have been appointed Grand Sword Bearer of this Grand Lodge. The sword which you will bear in all processions of the Grand Lodge, is the time-honored symbol of justice and authority. It is also the guardian and protector of the Standard of the Grand Lodge. We invest you with this jewel of your office, which should remind you of your duty. Be faithful to your trust.

GRAND BIBLE BEARER.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Bible Bearer.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been appointed Grand Bible Bearer.

Installing Officer. — WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: You have been appointed Grand Bible Bearer of this Grand Lodge and we now invest you with this jewel of your office. The Holy Bible, that great Light of Masonry, we entrust to your care, it being your duty to bear it in all our public processions.

THE GRAND DEACONS.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Deacons.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brothers..... and ..... who have been appointed to serve as Grand Deacons.

Installing Officer.—WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN: You have been appointed the Grand Deacons of this Grand Lodge and we now invest you with these jewels of your office, and these rods as ensigns of your authority. It is your province to attend upon the Grand Master and Grand Wardens, and act as their proxies in the active duties of the Grand Lodge. Let vigilance and attention actuate you in the discharge of the functions of your office.

GRAND STEWARDS.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Stewards.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brothers..... and ..... who have been appointed to serve as Grand Stewards.

Installing Officer.—WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN: You have been appointed Grand Stewards of this Grand Lodge and we now invest you with these jewels of your office, and place in your hands these white rods as ensigns of your stations. It is your duty to provide for the comfort and convenience of the members of the Grand Lodge, when in session; and to assist the Grand Deacons and other officers of the Grand Lodge in the performance of their duties. We feel confident that your regard for your brethren will incite you to a prompt discharge of this trust.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been appointed Grand Pursuivant.

Installing Officer.—WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: You have been appointed Grand Pursuivant, and we now invest you with this jewel of your office; your station is near the door, where you will receive all reports from the Grand Tyler, and announce the name and Masonic rank of all who desire admission, communicating the same to the Junior Grand Deacon. You will also see that none enter without wearing their appropriate decorations.

GRAND ORGANIST

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Organist.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been appointed Grand Organist.

Installing Officer.—Worshipful Brother: You have been appointed Grand Organist and we now invest you with this jewel of your office. Under the direction of the Grand Master you will conduct the musical services of the Grand Lodge. As harmony is the strength and support of all institutions, so may the harmony over which you shall preside strengthen and support every gentle and ennobling emotion of the soul.

GRAND TYLER.

Installing Officer.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Tyler.

Grand Marshal.—Most Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure to present Brother..... who has been appointed Grand Tyler.

Installing Officer.—Worshipful Brother: You have been appointed Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge, and we now invest you with this jewel of your office, and place this sword in your hand, the more effectually to enable you to observe the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and see that none pass or repass without permission of the Grand Master in the East. Your office is a

most important one, and requires unremitting watchfulness and care. It is your duty to guard and protect the jewels, regalia, clothing and other property of the Grand Lodge, placed in your charge; and under the direction of the Grand Master, to have them always ready for use. Your punctual attendance is essentially necessary at every communication.

Installing Officer.—Worshipful Grand Marshal, I now declare the several officers of the Grand Lodge of Arizona duly installed into office for the ensuing year in AMPLE FORM. You will, therefore, proclaim the same to the Brethren, that they, having due notice thereof, may govern themselves accordingly.

PRESIDING OFFICER CALLS UP THE BRETHREN.

Grand Marshal.—By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and by the authority of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona, I now proclaim that its Grand Officers have been amply installed in their respective stations.

Response by the Brethren.—So mote it be.

Grand Marshal.—Brethren of the Grand Lodge join in giving the Grand Honors.

The public grand honors are given and the Lodge is seated. The Grand Master or other brethren may now make any suitable remarks, after which business is proceeded with.

The full Grand Honors are given by striking the palms of the hands together sharply nine times, by three times three; beginning by striking the left hand with the right, three times; then striking the right hand three times, and finally the left. These Grand Honors are given in all Masonic ceremonies (except at funerals) when they are appropriate. They should be given with precision by all Masons present, except those to whom they may be extended.

The private grand honors are the signs of the several degrees, given in a manner and upon occasions known only to Master Masons.

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF ARIZONA IS COMPOSED OF:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master,
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,
The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden,
The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden,
The Very Worshipful Grand Treasurer,
The Very Worshipful Grand Secretary,
The Worshipful Grand Lecturer,
The Very Reverend Grand Chaplain,
The Worshipful Grand Orator,
The Worshipful Grand Marshal,
The Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer,
The Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer,
The Worshipful Grand Bible Bearer,

The Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon,
The Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon,
The Worshipful Grand Stewards,
The Worshipful Grand Pursuivant,
The Worshipful Grand Organist,
The Worshipful Grand Tyler;

Together with all the Past Grand elective officers and Past Masters of this jurisdiction; and the Masters and Wardens of the several chartered and duly constituted Lodges, or the duly elected representatives thereof.

Form for Laying Corner-Stones

On the day appointed the Grand Lodge assembles at the hall of the Lodge in the place, and is opened in proper form.

The Grand Master then says: Brethren, the Grand Lodge of Arizona has convened for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of....., in the city (or town) of....., in accordance with the invitation of....., presented to the Grand Master on the.....day of....., 19... After the Grand Lodge is called off, the Grand Marshal will form the Grand Lodge and brethren in procession, and we will proceed to the place for the purpose of performing the ceremony provided for such occasions.

The Grand Lodge is then called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of performing the ceremony; and the Grand Marshal forms the procession in the following order:

Escort of the day:
Band of Music;
Master Masons;

THE GRAND LODGE OF ARIZONA.
In the following order:
The Grand Tyler;
The Grand Stewards, with White Rods;
Junior Wardens;
Senior Wardens;
Past Masters;
Masters;

A Master; The Grand Standard Bearer; A Master;

Grand Pursuivant and Grand Organist;
The Choir;
A Brother Bearing Golden Vessel of Corn;
Two Brethren Bearing Silver Vessels of Wine and Oil;
Grand Orator and Assistant Grand Secretary;
A Master Mason; The Grand Bible Bearer; A Master Mason;
Grand Lecturer and Grand Chaplain;
The Principal Architect Bearing the Working Tools on a Cushion.
Two Brethren Bearing the Tuscan and Composite Orders;
Three Brethren Bearing the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian Orders;
Past Junior Grand Wardens;
Past Senior Grand Wardens;
Past Deputy Grand Masters;
Past Grand Masters;
Two Masters of Lodges, Bearing two large Lights;
Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary;
The Grand Wardens;
A Master of a Lodge, Bearing a large Light;
The Deputy Grand Master;
The Master of the Lodge at the Place, with the Book of Constitutions;
Junior Grand Deacon; Senior Grand Deacon;
The Grand Master;
Grand Sword Bearer with Drawn Sword;
Two Stewards with White Rods.

The procession then moves to the site of the proposed building, by whatever route may have been designated. On arriving at the place the lines are opened to the right and left, under the direction of the

Grand Marshal; and the Grand Master, preceded by two Stewards and the Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by the Grand Lodge, and the remainder of the procession in inversed order, pass through to the platform, erected near the northeast corner of the building. Upon this platform there should be placed chairs for the Grand Officers and the invited guests, and a table for the Holy Writings, the Book of Constitutions, the Golden Vessel, the Silver Vessels, the large Lights, the five Orders of Architecture, and the Working Tools. The brethren and others present are arranged around as conveniently as possible.

All being arranged the ceremony is conducted as follows:

Music by the Band;
(A solemn sacred piece.)

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain;

Singing of the following or a similar Ode, by the Choir:

"Hail, Masonry divine!
Glory of ages, shine
While time shall last!
Where'er thy vot'ries are,
Let Love and Peace be there;
Let thy good works compare
With ages past.

"Great mission thine below—
This pilgrimage of woe
Thine 'tis to cheer.
With open heart and hand,
Thy sons in every land,
At Charity's demand,
Are ever near.

"As, since the Day of Light,
Blazing with lustre bright,
Thy star hath shone;
So may its brightness send
Joy, gladness, without end,
Till Eternity attend,
And Time be gone."

The Master of the Lodge, or the President of the Hall Association, or some one on behalf of those erecting the structure, should then, in a brief address, invite the Grand Master to commence the ceremonies.

The Grand Master should then briefly address the audience. After which he addresses the Senior Grand Warden as follows:

"Brother Senior Grand Warden: It has been the custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, from time immemorial, to assemble for the purpose of laying the foundation stones of public buildings, when required so to do by those having authority. The Grand Lodge of Arizona having been invited by the..... of the city (or town) of..... to lay the cornerstone of this Temple, to be dedicated to Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence,* it has, by my order, been here convened, and it is my will and pleasure that it do now assist me in the performance of that pleasing duty. This you will communicate to the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and he to the Craft, that they, and all others present, may be duly notified thereof."

The Senior Grand Warden communicates the order, as follows:

"Brother Junior Grand Warden: It is the will and pleasure of our Most Worshipful Grand Master that the Grand Lodge of Arizona do now assist in laying the foundation stone of this Masonic Temple.* This you will communicate to the brethren, that they, and all others here assembled, may have due and timely notice of his order."

The Junior Grand Warden repeats the order to the assembly as follows:

"Brethren: It is the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful ....., Grand Master of Masons in Arizona, that the Grand Lodge do now proceed with the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of this Masonic Temple.* Of this you will take due notice, and govern yourselves accordingly."

An enlivening piece of music by the band should follow.

After which the Grand Master, addressing the Grand Treasurer, says:

"Brother Grand Treasurer: It has ever been the custom of the Craft upon occasions like the present, to deposit within a cavity in the stone placed at the northeast corner of the edifice, certain memorials of the period at which it was erected; so that if, in the lapse of ages, the fury of the elements, the violence of man, or the slow but certain ravages of time, should lay bare its

*Modify this language to suit the occasion.

foundations, an enduring record may be found by succeeding generations, to bear testimony to the untiring, unending industry of the Free and Accepted Masons. Has such a deposit now been prepared?"

The Grand Treasurer responds:—

"It has, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the various articles of which it is composed are safely enclosed within the casket now before you."

The Grand Master then says to the Grand Secretary:

"Brother Grand Secretary: You will read the record of the contents of the casket."

Whereupon the Grand Secretary reads the contents of the box which is to be deposited beneath the cornerstone.

After the reading the Grand Master says:

"Brother Grand Treasurer: You will now deposit the casket in the cavity beneath the cornerstone; and may the Great Architect of the Universe, in His wisdom, grant that ages upon ages shall pass away ere it again be seen of men."

The Grand Treasurer, assisted by one or more brethren, then takes the casket and places it in the cavity in the lower stone. The stone is then lowered, during which time the choir should sing the following, or some other suitable ode:

"Place we now the cornerstone—
True and trusty, brothers own—
Let us bring our hearts sincere,
Hands to help and voice to cheer.
Prov'd by the Grand Master's hand,
Long may this foundation stand!
May its superstructure rise
In grace and beauty 'neath the skies!
Let us join in songs of praise,
That a Temple here we raise;
Hoping, ages hence, 'twill prove
A home for Charity and Love!"

The Principal Architect then distributes the Working Tools among the Grand Officers—giving the trowel to the Grand Master, the Square to the Deputy Grand Master, the Level to the Senior Grand Warden, and the Plumb to the Junior Grand Warden.

These officers then descend to the stone and place themselves around it in the following order: The Grand Master at the East, the Deputy Grand Master at the North, the Senior Grand Warden at the West, and the Junior Grand Warden at the South.

The Grand Master, assisted by one or more of the workmen, ready for the purpose, spreads the cement upon the lower stone, and then he directs the stone to be lowered to its place. The stone should be suspended from a derrick, and should be lowered at three separate intervals. At each stoppage of the stone, the brethren should give the Grand Honors. When the stone is properly adjusted the Grand Master should point the cement about its edges. He then addresses the Deputy Grand Master, as follows:

"Brother Deputy Grand Master, what is the jewel of your office?"

The Deputy Grand Master responds:

"The Square, Most Worshipful."

The Grand Master says:

"Then you will apply the Square to those portions of the stone which should be squared."

The Deputy Grand Master then applies the Square to the various corners of the stone, and says:

"I have obeyed your order, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and find that in that respect the craftsmen have done their duty."

The Grand Master then says:

"Brother Senior Grand Warden, what is the jewel of your office?"

The Senior Grand Warden responds:

"The Level, Most Worshipful."

The Grand Master says:

"You will then apply the Level to the stone, and see if it be laid in a manner creditable to our Ancient Craft."

The Senior Grand Warden then applies the Level to the surface of the stone and responds:

"I have obeyed your order, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and find that the stone has been well leveled by the craftsmen."

The Grand Master says:

"Brother Junior Grand Warden, what is the jewel of your office?"

The Junior Grand Warden responds:

"The Plumb, Most Worshipful."

The Grand Master says:

"You will apply the Plumb to the stone, then, and see if it has been properly adjusted."

The Junior Grand Warden tries the several sides of the stone with the Plumb, and responds:

"I have obeyed your order, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and find that the work of the craftsmen in that respect has been skillfully performed."

The Grand Master then approaching the stone gives it three blows with his Gavel, and says:

"The craftsmen having faithfully and skillfully performed their duty, I declare this foundation stone to be well formed, true and trusty. May the edifice which is to rest upon it ever be devoted to the uses of those whose mission it is to extend the spread of useful knowledge, to practice unceasing and unostentatious charity, and to inculcate fraternity and good will among men; and may it be completed by the craftsmen in peace, love, and harmony—they suffering no contention among themselves except that noble and fraternal one, as to who best can work and best agree."

The Grand Master then directs the vessels of Corn, Wine and Oil to be distributed, respectively, to the Deputy Grand Master, and the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. While this is being done the band should play a joyous air.

The Deputy Grand Master then pours the Corn upon the stone, at the same time saying:

"May the Grand Architect of the Universe strengthen and sustain the craftsmen while engaged in this important work; and may he ever beautifully vouchsafe the Corn of Nourishment to all employed in honest and useful toil."

The Senior Grand Warden then pours the Wine upon the stone, at the same time saying:

"May the Great Giver of all Good enable the craftsmen in due time to complete this beautiful Temple; and, during their intervals from labor, may they constantly be blessed with that refreshment of which this Wine is emblematical."

The Junior Grand Warden then pours the Oil upon the stone, at the same time saying:

"May the blessing of Heaven descend upon this and all good works; and may our loved Fraternity long exist to pour forth the Oil of Joy upon the hearts of the widowed, the fatherless, and the distressed."

The Grand Master then says:

"May the All-Bounteous Author of Creation lend aid to those who have conceived and thus far carried on this goodly enterprise; may He protect the workmen employed upon this building from every accident, and long preserve it for the beneficent uses which it is destined to subserve; and may He grant to us all an ever-bountiful supply of the Corn of Nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment, and the Oil of Joy."

The Grand Master then directs that the several working tools be given into the hands of the Chief Architect of the building, and says:

"Brother Principle Architect: Relying upon your skill in our noble art, I now confide to you these implements of Operative Masonry. May this undertaking be speedily accomplished; may there be no envy, discord, or confusion among the workmen; and may you perform the important duties with which you have been charged, not only to the satisfaction of those who have entrusted you with their fulfillment, but in such manner as shall secure the approbation of your own conscience, and redound to the honor of our Ancient Craft."

The Grand Master and his officers then return to the platform and resume their seats. In the meantime, the choir should sing the following, or some other suitable ode:

"Corn, Wine and Oil we've poured upon
Our brethren's hope—the Cornerstone.
The work is well begun;
May Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty now
Each with its attributes endow
That which is to be done.

"And when our Temple is complete
Once more may all the Brethren meet
Its Halls to dedicate
To Friendship, Virtue, Truth and Love,
To Charity, and all above,
To God, the Good, the Great."

The Grand Orator is then introduced by the Grand Master.

After the oration is concluded, "Old Hundred" is very appropriate, and should be joined in by the whole assembly; after which the ceremonies are terminated with a benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

The procession then reforms and returns to the hall. The Grand Lodge is called on, and closed in suitable form.

Ceremony for the Dedication of Masonic Halls

The members of the Grand Lodge assemble in a convenient room near the place where the ceremony is to be performed, and the Grand Lodge is opened in proper form.

The Grand Master then announces the object of the Communication, and directs the Grand Marshal to form a procession. This is done in the usual manner, except that an emblem representing a Lodge is carried in the procession by four Past Masters. A proper place for this would be immediately before the Grand Officers.

The brethren then proceed to the Hall about to be dedicated; and upon the arrival of the front of the procession at the door, they halt, open to the right and left, and face inward, whilst the Grand Master, and others in succession, pass through and enter.

After entering the procession marches three times around the hall, and until the Grand Master comes to the East, when he halts, and the Grand Master takes the Chair. The emblem of a Lodge is placed in the center, and the brethren are seated by the Grand Master—the Grand Officers taking the places of the corresponding officers of the Lodge.

During the march as above, the following anthem is sung:

Air—"*America.*"

"Thou who art God alone,
Accept before Thy throne.
Our fervent prayer
To fill with light and grace
This house Thy dwelling place,
And bless Thy chosen race—
O Lord draw near.

"As through the universe
All nature's works diverse
Thy praise accord,
Let faith upon us shine,
And Charity combine
With Hope to make us Thine,
Jehovah, Lord!

"Spirit of Truth and Love,
Descending from above,
Our hearts inflame,
Till Masonry's control
Shall build in one the whole—
A Temple of the Soul
To Thy Great Name."

The three lights are placed in a triangle form around the emblem, and the vessels of Corn, Wine and Oil are placed on the emblem. At the head of the emblem stands the altar, and upon it are placed the Bible and the Square and Compass.

The Grand Master then briefly announces the occasion of the assemblage and the general purpose of the Masonic dedication of Halls.

After which the Master of the Lodge, approaching the East, addresses the Grand Master, as follows:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master: The brethren of .....Lodge, No....., being animated with a desire to promote the honor and the interest of the Craft, have erected and furnished this hall for their convenience and accommodation. They are desirous that the same should be examined by the M. W. Grand Master; and if it should meet with his approbation, that it should

be solemnly dedicated to Masonic purposes, agreeably to ancient form and usage."

The Grand Master replies:

"*Worshipful Master and Brethren:* I accept with pleasure the important and interesting duty which you request of me. In doing so permit me to express to the brethren of.....Lodge, No....., our hearty appreciation of the enterprising spirit which has actuated them in the erection of this structure, an edifice which is a credit to the fraternity, as well as an ornament to this city. In accordance with the teachings of our Institution, it is our duty, before entering upon any undertaking, to invoke the blessing of God. We will, therefore, unite with our Grand Chaplain in address to the Throne of Grace."

The Grand Master calls up the brethren and the Grand Chaplain offers the following, or any other suitable prayer:

"O Lord God! Source of light and love! Supreme Grand Master, and Grand Architect of the Universe! who from Thy throne in the Highest Heaven, in mercy lookest down upon all the dwellers on earth, lend, we beseech Thee, Thine ears to the prayers and petitions of Thy children now assembled in Thy presence; enable us to properly comprehend and practice the precepts of this sublime edifice erected to Thy holy and glorious name. Pour upon us, and upon all the members of our Mystic Craft whithersoever dispersed throughout the world, the rich blessings of Thy providence. Give us strength to overcome temptations, to sub-

due our passions, and to practice virtue. Fill our hearts with reverence for Thy great and glorious name; with an affection for Thy divine goodness; with piety toward Thee; and with love for our fellow men. Make us faithful to our friends, and charitable to our enemies. Dispose our hearts, O Thou Great Jehovah, to receive light and truth from the great source of light, that our steps may be directed in the paths of virtue. And whilst we dedicate this Temple to Thee, enable us to prove to mankind by our actions that our lives are sincerely dedicated to our God, and to the relief and well-being of our fellow creatures. And, finally, when our pilgrimage of life is ended, may we be admitted into that sublime and eternal Lodge where Thou dost forever preside. Amen."

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Master then seats the brethren, and the Chief Architect, who superintended the erection of the Hall, advances to the front in the East, and addresses the Grand Master, as follows:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master: Having been entrusted with the duty of supervising and directing the workmen employed in the construction of this edifice, and having to the best of my ability accomplished the task assigned me, I now return my thanks for the appointment and beg to return to you the implements committed to my care when the cornerstone of this structure was laid (presents the Square, Level and Plumb), humbly hoping that the result of our labors will be crowned with your approbation, and that of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master replies:

"Brother Chief Architect: The skill and ability displayed in the execution of the trust reposed in you at the commencement of this undertaking, have received the approbation of the Grand Lodge; and they sincerely pray that this edifice may continue a lasting monument of the taste, spirit and liberality of its founders."

The Deputy Grand Master then says:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master: The hall in which we are now assembled and the plan upon which it is constructed having met with your approval, it is the desire of the brethren that it should now be dedicated according to ancient form and usage."

The Grand Master replies:

"Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master: Agreeably to the request of the brethren, we will now proceed with the ceremonies. Brother Grand Marshal, you will form the Grand Officers in procession."

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

(Single File.)

Form on north side of Lodge, facing East.

Grand Sword Bearer.
Grand Standard Bearer.
Grand Pursuivant.
A Past Master, with a Light.
Grand Steward, with Rod.
Grand Steward, with Rod.
Grand Organist.
Grand Lecturer.
Grand Orator.
Grand Bible Bearer, with Bible, Square and Compass.
Grand Chaplain.

Chief Architect.
A Past Master, with a Light.
A Past Master, with a Light.
Assistant Grand Secretary.
Grand Secretary.
Grand Treasurer.
Junior Grand Warden, with a Vessel of Corn.
Senior Grand Warden, with a Vessel of Wine.
Deputy Grand Master, with a Vessel of Oil.
Junior Grand Deacon, with Rod.
Grand Master.
Senior Grand Deacon, with Rod.

The Grand Officers then march around the symbol of the Lodge, at the same time the following stanza is sung:—

Air—"Old Hundred."

"Genius of Masonry, descend,
And with thee bring thy spotless name;
Constant our Sacred Rites attend,
While we adore thy peaceful reign."

When the Grand Master arrives at the East, the music ceases, and the procession halts, and faces inward; the Grand Officers kneel, and the Grand Chaplain offers the following:

CONSECRATION PRAYER.

"Great Architect of the Universe! Maker and Ruler of all the World! deign from Thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly! We humbly implore Thee to give us at this, and at all times, *wisdom* in all our doings, *strength* of mind in all our difficulties, and the *beauty* of harmony in all our undertakings. Permit us, O Thou Author of Light and Life, Great Source of Love and Happiness, to consecrate this Hall, and dedicate it to Thy honor and Thy glory. Amen."

Response.—"Glory to God on high; on earth peace, good will to men."

The Grand Officers then rise and move around the symbol of the Lodge as before, during which the second stanza of the ode is sung:

"Bring with thee Virtue, brightest maid;
Bring Love, bring Truth, bring Friendship here,
While Social Mirth shall lend her aid,
To smooth the wrinkled brow of Care."

When the Grand Master reaches the East, the procession halts, facing inward, and the Junior Grand Warden advances and presents the vessel of Corn, saying:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master: In the dedication of Masonic Halls, it has been the immemorial custom to pour Corn upon the Lodge as an emblem of nourishment. I, therefore, present to you this Vessel of Corn, to be employed by you according to ancient usage."

The Grand Marshal slowly uncovers the emblem of the Lodge, and the Grand Master then calls up the brethren by striking the emblem thrice with his gavel, and pours the Corn upon the emblem, saying:—

"In the name of the Great Jehovah, to whom be all honor and glory, I do solemnly dedicate this Hall to *Freemasonry.*"

The Public Grand Honors are then given *once.* The Grand Master seats the brethren, and the procession moves around the emblem, during which the third stanza is sung:

"Bring *Charity* with goodness crowned;
Encircled in thy heavenly robe;
Diffuse thy blessings all around,
To every corner of the globe."

When the Grand Master reaches the East, the Senior Grand Warden advances and presents the Vessel of Wine, saying:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master: Wine, the emblem of refreshment, having been used by our ancient brethren in the ceremonies of dedication and consecration, I present to you this Vessel of Wine, to be used by you on the present occasion according to ancient Masonic form."

The Grand Master then strikes the emblem three times, and sprinkles the wine upon the emblem, saying:

"In the name of the Holy Saints John I do solemnly dedicate this Hall to *Virtue*."

The Public Grand Honors are then given *twice*; the brethren are seated, and the procession moves around the emblem, during which the fourth stanza is sung:

"To Heaven's High Architect all praise,
All praise, all gratitude be given,
Who deigned the human soul to raise,
By mystic secrets sprung from heaven."

When the Grand Master arrives from the East, the Deputy Grand Master advances and presents the Vessel of Oil, saying:—

"Most Worshipful Grand Master: I present to you, to be used according to ancient custom, this Vessel of Oil, an emblem of that joy which should animate every bosom on the completion of any important undertaking."

The Grand Master strikes the emblem three times, and sprinkles the oil upon the emblem, saying:

"In the name of the whole Fraternity, I do solemnly dedicate this Hall to *Universal Benevolence.*"

The Public Honors are then given *thrice.*

The Grand Chaplain then advances and makes the following, or a similar

INVOCATION.

"And may the Lord, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, bless the brethren here assembled, in all their lawful undertakings, and grant every one of them, in needful supply the Corn of Nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment, and the Oil of Joy. Amen."

Response.—So mote it be.

The Grand Marshal then removes the emblem of the Lodge, during which time an appropriate piece of music is sung.

The Grand Master resumes his chair, and the other Grand Officers go to their respective stations.

The Grand Marshal then makes the following proclamation.

"By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I do hereby proclaim that the Hall in which we are now assembled has been dedicated for the purposes of Freemasonry in Due and Ancient Form. All persons interested will take notice and govern themselves accordingly."

Address by the Grand Master or the Grand Orator, or some brother appointed for that purpose.

"Old Hundred."

Benediction.

Closing of Grand Lodge.

Ceremonies for Constituting and Dedicating a New Lodge

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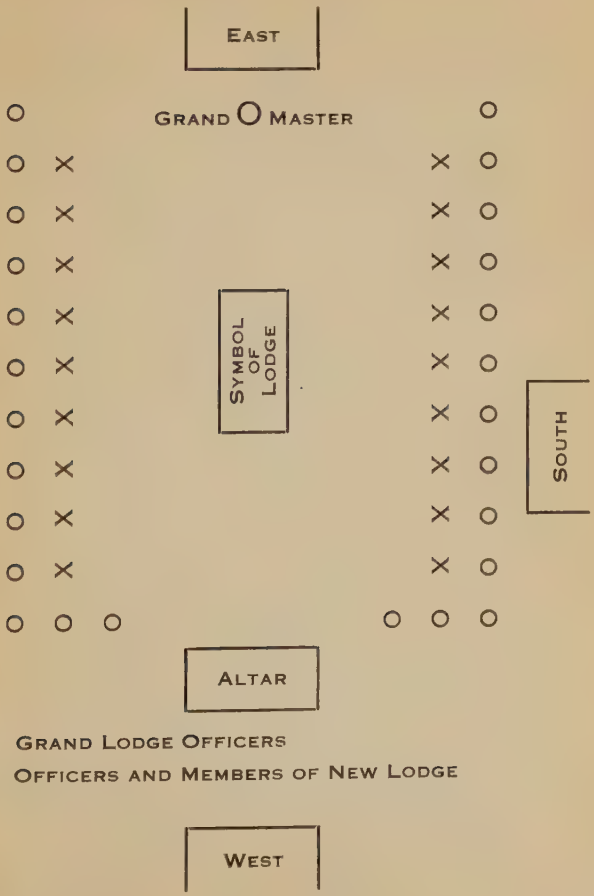
When a lawful number of Master Masons have worked a certain time by authority of a letter of dispensation, they may petition the Grand Lodge for a Charter. Every letter of dispensation expires by limitation, and after its expiration, the brethren cannot meet as a Lodge unless the dispensation be continued, or a Charter be granted.

If a Charter is granted the brethren cannot meet and work under its authority until they shall have been constituted into a regular Lodge and the officers installed.

It is a prerogative of the Grand Master to institute lodges either in person or by proxy.

A lodge which has surrendered its dispensation, and to which a Charter has been granted, may assemble by order of its officers, before being constituted, for the purpose of burying a deceased brother.


EAST
GRAND MASTER
SYMBOL OF LODGE
SOUTH
ALTAR
X GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
O OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF NEW LODGE
WEST

At the time set, the Grand Master, or his proxy, will take to himself a sufficient number of brethren, and in a suitable room or place, open a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The members of the new lodge will assemble in their lodge room, properly clothed, and should register.

The Officers who are to be installed should be seated in the south in a line running West from the Secretary's desk. They do not wear their jewels. The W. M. is seated in the East, and he will appoint some brother to act as Marshal during the Ceremonies.

A small table or stand should be placed between the Altar and the East, on which to place the "symbol" of the Lodge. The "symbol" of the Lodge, is a box of rectangular shape, about from ten to twelve inches square, and twice as long as wide. It should be painted, or covered, white, and should have loops or handles on each of two sides so as to be carried by four persons.

When all is in readiness the W. M. will call the brethren to order and the Ceremony will proceed as follows:

Worshipful Master.—Brother Marshal, you will repair to the Grand Lodge of Arizona, now in session, and inform the Most Worshipful Grand Master that a number of brethren, duly instructed in the mysteries of Freemasonry, having for some time gathered under a dispensation, have been informed that their acts have received the approbation of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and that they have been granted a Charter. That they now desire to be consecrated and constituted into a regular Lodge under the name of..... Lodge No....., and to have their officers installed agreeably to the ancient usages and customs of the

Craft. That for that purpose they have now assembled in this place, and await his pleasure.

(The Marshal will repair to the Grand Lodge room and communicate the above message to the M. W. Grand Master who replies):

Grand Master: It is well; return and inform the brethren that in due time we will comply with their request.

(After the Marshal retires, the Grand Lodge is formed in procession, under the direction of the Grand Marshal as follows):

Grand Tyler, (with drawn Sword)

Members.

The "Symbol of the Lodge," covered with a white cloth, and carried by four brethren.

Grand Steward, (With rod.) — Grand Pursuivant, (Carrying the great lights.) — Grand Steward, (With rod.)

Grand Orator. — Grand Chaplain.

Grand Secretary. — Grand Treasurer.

Junior Grand Warden, (Carrying vessel of oil.) — Senior Grand Warden, (Carrying vessel of wine.)

Deputy Grand Master, (Carrying vessel of corn.)

Book of Constitutions, (carried by oldest member present.)

Junior Grand Deacon, (Carrying rod.) — Senior Grand Deacon, (Carrying rod.)

M.·. W.·. G.·. Master.

Grand Standard Bearer.

Grand Sword Bearer, (with drawn Sword)

In this order the procession moves to the Lodge room. Upon entering the Worshipful Master calls up the brethren. The procession will march on the north side of the hall until the Grand Tyler reaches the East when it will halt.

During the march and at any appropriate time there may be music.

Under direction of the W. M. the members of the new Lodge will unite in giving the Grand Honors, after which the Symbol of the Lodge will be placed upon the table or stand prepared for it, the bearers taking places among the members of the Lodge, the three Great Lights are placed upon the altar, the Book of Constitutions is placed upon the Master's pedestal, the vessels containing the Corn, Wine, and Oil, are placed on the stand with the Symbol of the Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then opens ranks, facing inward, the Grand Marshal and Grand Tyler pass down the lines to the Grand Master, who, uncovered, is conducted to the East. The W. M. uncovering assists the Grand Master to the Chair presenting him the gavel and then takes his place with the officers who are to be installed. The Grand Marshal, alone, returns through the lines and conducts the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Chaplain, and Grand Orator to their respective stations. The Grand Marshal then instructs the other Grand Officers to repair to their respective stations and places. The Grand Master then seats the brethren. When all are seated, the Deputy Grand Master instructs the officers and members of the new Lodge to rise and says:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, a number of brethren, who are now before you, have for some time past been assembling together by virtue of a dispensation, granted to them by the Grand Master for that purpose. Their acts having gained the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, they now desire to be constituted into a regular Lodge agreeably to ancient usage and according to the customs of our Fraternity.

Grand Master.—It is well. (Seats the Brethren.)

Grand Master.—Brother Grand Secretary, you will read in full the Charter which has been prepared and signed.

(The Grand Secretary will read the Charter in full.)

Grand Master.—Upon due deliberation the Grand Lodge having granted the brethren of this new lodge a warrant establishing and confirming them in the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted Lodge, we shall, agreeably to their request, now proceed, according to ancient usage, to Constitute these brethren into a Regular Lodge; but before proceeding with these important ceremonies, it is our duty to invoke the blessing of Almighty God.

(The Grand Master then calls up the assembly and says):

All present will give attention while our Grand Chaplain addresses the Throne of Grace:

(The Grand Chaplain will then offer the following or some other appropriate prayer):

Great, Adorable, and Supreme Being: We praise Thee for all Thy mercies, and especially for giving us desires to enjoy, and powers of enjoying, the delights of society.

The affections which Thou hast implanted in us, and which we cannot destroy without violence to our nature, are among the chief blessings which Thy benign wisdom hath bestowed upon us.

Help us duly to improve all our powers to the promotion of Thy glory in this world, and to the

good of our fellow-men. May we be active under Thy divine light, and may we dwell in Thy truth.

Extend this favor to us who are now entering into a fraternal compact under peculiar obligations; enable us to be faithful to Thee; faithful to our callings in life; faithful in all the duties of the Craft, and faithful to each other as members of this society. Take us under the shadow of Thy protection; and to Thy service and glory may we consecrate our hearts. May we always put *faith* in Thee, have *hope* in salvation, and be in *charity* with all mankind. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

(Vocal or instrumental music may now be introduced.)

Grand Master.—Brother Grand Marshal, you will direct the brethren of the new Lodge to their proper position and reform the Grand Lodge in procession.

(The officers and a convenient number of members of the new Lodge will under the direction of the Grand Marshal form in single file on the south side of the hall facing west. The officers of the Grand Lodge will form, in single file, in order of their rank, on the north side of the hall, facing east. The proper officers will carry the vessels of Corn, Wine, and Oil. The Book of Constitutions and Great Lights will remain on the altar and pedestal. All will then march around the "Symbol" of the Lodge, forming squares open at the East, the brethren of the new lodge forming the outer square. During the march, the Grand Marshal will uncover the Symbol of the Lodge. When the Grand Master reaches the East, the lines will halt and face inward. At the order of the Grand

Master, the officers of the Grand Lodge, only, will kneel on the right knee. The Grand Chaplain will then offer the following):

CONSECRATION PRAYER.

Great Architect of the Universe; Maker and Ruler of all worlds. Deign from Thy celestial temple, from the realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this, and at all times, *Wisdom* in all our doings, *Strength* of mind in all our difficulties, and the *Beauty* of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou author of life and light, great source of love and happiness, to erect this Lodge, and now solemnly to *consecrate* it to Thy honor and glory.

(Response by the Officers of the Grand Lodge.)

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(The Grand Officers will rise.)

The Deputy Grand Master will then step forward and present the Corn to the Grand Master who will sprinkle a portion on the "Symbol of the Lodge" and replace the vessel upon the table. The Senior Grand Warden, in like manner presents the wine, which is sprinkled upon the Lodge, and the Junior Grand Warden presents the oil, which is used in the same manner.

The Grand Master then orders the Grand Officers to again kneel, when the Grand Chaplain offers the remainder of the Consecration prayer, as follows:

Grant, O Lord, our God, that those who are now about to be invested with the government of this

Lodge may be endowed with wisdom to instruct their brethren in their duties. May brotherly love, relief and truth always prevail among the members of this Lodge. May this bond of union continue to strengthen the Lodges throughout the world. Bless all our brethren wherever dispersed, and grant speedy relief to all who are either oppressed or distressed. We affectionately commend to Thee all the members of this whole family; may they increase in grace, in the knowledge of Thee, and in love to each other. Finally, may we finish all our work here below, with Thy approbation; and then may our transition from this earthly abode be to Thy heavenly temple above, there to enjoy light and glory, and bliss ineffable and eternal. Amen.

(Response, by Officers of Grand Lodge):

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Officers rise.)

The Grand Master then steps forward and extending his hands over the "Symbol of the Lodge," says:

To the memory of the Holy Saints John, we dedicate this Lodge. May every brother revere their character and imitate their virtues.

(Response, by all):

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(The Grand Master, if there be any present who are seated, calls up all, with the gavel, and then proceeds to)

CONSTITUTE THE LODGE

Grand Master.—In the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Arizona I now constitute and form you, my beloved brethren, into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be known as .....Lodge, Number..... From henceforth we empower you to meet as a regular Lodge, constituted in conformity to the rites of our institution, and the charges of our ancient and honorable Fraternity; and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe prosper, direct and counsel you in all your doings.

(Response by all): So mote it be.

The Grand Marshal will recover the "Symbol of the Lodge." He then conducts the Grand Master to his station and directs the officers of the Grand Lodge to resume their stations and places. The others all resume their seats. An oration may now be delivered or there may be vocal or instrumental music, after which, or if there be none, the Grand Master or his proxy, will proceed with the installation of the officers. After the installation the Grand Master directs the Grand Marshal to reform the Grand Lodge in procession, which is done in the same order as upon entering the hall. The Worshipful Master then instructs the brethren to give the Grand Honors. This is done and the Grand Lodge retires to the place where it convened and the *Grand Lodge is closed.*

Forms for Records of Trials
and of
Transcripts Thereof

1st. Section 150, Article IV, Part VI, of the Constitution, provides how and when charges of unmasonic conduct may be preferred against a brother. Such charges must be in writing and may be preferred by any Master Mason in good standing, and must be presented to the Master of the Lodge, and *not* to the Lodge. The Lodge or Master of the Lodge may direct charges to be preferred against a brother, in which case they should be preferred by the Junior Warden.

2nd. The charge itself should be a general one of unmasonic conduct, and should be defined in a specification or specifications to follow, setting forth, with clearness and precision, the offense or offenses complained of, and giving time, place, and all necessary particulars relating thereto, as distinctly as possible, so that the accused may have full knowledge of all that he may be called upon to explain, disprove, or justify. The following may be used as a general form for a

CHARGE OF UNMASONIC CONDUCT

....., Arizona, ...19...

To the Master of.....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M.

Worshipful Sir and Brother:

The undersigned, a Master Mason in good standing, and a member of.....Lodge

No....., at....., in the State of....., does hereby charge Bro. A..... B....., a Mason now residing *(or said to be residing)* at....., in the State of....., with unmasonic conduct, as set forth in the following specifications:

First. That on or about the.....day of..... 19.., he did *(here state the offense as particularly as may be practicable).*

Second. That on or about the.....day of ....., 19.., he did, etc., *(here state the second specification, if any).*

Third. That on or about, etc., *(following with as many specifications as there are distinct offenses charged).*

For all which the undersigned desires that the said A..... B..... may be brought to trial and dealt with in such manner as our Masonic laws provide.

Respectfully and fraternally,
C..... D.....

Should the charge be preferred by the Junior Warden, under the direction of the Lodge or Master, the first portion of the first paragraph foregoing should then read—

The undersigned, a Master Mason in good standing, and Junior Warden of.....Lodge No...., at....., Arizona, does hereby, by direction of that Lodge, *(or of the Master thereof),* charge A..... B....., etc.

3rd. The Master should carefully examine the charge and specifications, and, if they are evidently frivolous, or if the act or acts with which the accused is charged, is or are clearly such as do not constitute a Masonic offense, he may refuse to entertain them. But should it appear otherwise, and it is known to him that the accuser is a Master Mason in good standing, he is to call a special meeting of his Lodge, as soon as practicable *(see Sec. 151, Art. IV, Part VI, of the Constitution)*, by due notification to every member thereof whose residence is known and is within such distance as may reasonably permit him to attend; which notification should state that the purpose of the meeting is to elect Commissioners to try a brother *(using no name)* upon a charge of unmasonic conduct, should be in writing or in print, and should be served personally, if possible, by the Tyler or some brother designated for the purpose; or, if it be not convenient so to serve it, should be left at his ordinary residence or place of business, or be sent by mail. The following is proposed as a form of such—

NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERS

Hall of .....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M.
At....., Arizona,....., 19..

Bro. E..... F.....:

You are hereby notified to attend a special meeting of this Lodge to be holden on the..... day of....., 19..., at..... o'clock, ..M., for the purpose of electing Commissioners to try

a brother upon a charge of unmasonic conduct preferred against him by a Master Mason in good standing.

By order of the Master.

(Seal) G..... H....., Secretary.

4th. At such special meeting the Master will announce its purpose, as above recited, and will ascertain, by a vote of the Lodge, the number of Commissioners *(not less than seven nor more than nine; see Const., Sec. 151, Art. IV, Part VI)*, which it shall deem proper to elect. Each member present will write the name of as many members of the Lodge upon one ballot as shall correspond with the number of Commissioners determined upon, and, upon counting the ballots, such members as shall be found to have received a majority of all the votes cast, shall be declared elected as Commissioners. In case the full number should not be elected on the first ballot, another ballot will be had for the remainder, in the same manner; and again and again if necessary, until the full number of Commissioners shall have been elected, each by a majority of the votes of those present. *(See Const., Sec. 151, Art. IV, Part VI.)*

5th. The Master will then name the time and place for the first meeting of the Commissioners, keeping in view the provisions of Sections 151 and 152, Art. IV, Part VI, of the Constitution, relative to the convenience of the parties *and the time allowed to the accused for appearance*, and will direct the Secretary to notify each Commissioner of his election and of such time and place of meet-

ing, either in person or in writing, and will also direct the Secretary to notify the accuser of such time and place of meeting. *(For form of record of this meeting of the Lodge see Sec. 23, Form of Transcript of Record of Trial.)* The following may be the forms of such notifications to the Commissioners and accuser:

NOTIFICATION TO A COMMISSIONER

Hall of....., Lodge No..., F. & A. M.
At....., Arizona,....., 19..

Bro. I..... J.....:

You are hereby notified that, at a special meeting of this Lodge, held on the...day of....., 19.., you were elected to be one of.....Commissioners designated to try a certain charge of unmasonic conduct preferred against a brother by a Master Mason in good standing; and that a meeting of said Commissioners for that purpose will be held at....., on the....day of....., 19..., at..... o'clock, ...M.

By order of the Master.

(Seal) G..... H....., Secretary.

NOTIFICATION TO AN ACCUSER

Hall of.....Lodge No..., F. & A. M.
At....., Arizona, ..., 19..

Bro. C..... D.....:

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners elected by this Lodge to try a certain charge pre-

ferred by you against Bro. A..... B....., will assemble at....., on....., the .....day of....., at..... o'clock ...M., for that purpose.

By order of the Master.

(Seal) G..... H....., Secretary.

6th. The Master, at the same meeting, will direct the Secretary to prepare for his signature a summons for the accused to appear for trial at the time and place before named, which summons, when properly signed and authenticated, shall be served in the manner prescribed in Sec. 151, Art. IV, Part VI, of the Constitution; and he will also direct the Secretary to prepare a copy of the charge and specifications *(the original of which will be handed him for that purpose)*, and to properly certify it, under seal, and transmit it to the accused with the summons. The following is proposed as a form for a—

SUMMONS TO AN ACCUSED BROTHER

Hall of....., Lodge No..., F. & A. M.
At....., Arizona, ..., 19..

Bro. A..... B.....:

You are hereby summoned to appear at..... on....., the.....day of....., 19... at.... o'clock, ..M., there and then to answer to a certain charge of unmasonic conduct preferred against you by Bro. C..... D.....,

a Master Mason in good standing, a certified copy of which is hereunto annexed.

Given at the place and on the day first above written, as witness my hand and the seal of our Lodge, with the attestation of our Secretary.

(Seal) K..... L....., Master.

Attest:

G....., H....., Secretary.

7th. The summons should be issued in duplicate, one copy to be delivered or transmitted to the accused, and the other to be presented to the Commissioners, with a proper certificate of service appended thereto. It is usual that the Secretary or Tyler perform such service, but it may be done by any brother whom the Master shall designate.

8th. The Constitution *(Sec. 152, Art. IV, Part VI)*, is explicit as to the course that must be followed in notifying the accused if he be within the jurisdiction of the Lodge *or if his residence be known*, and the course there prescribed must be strictly followed. If the accused be within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, the summons and copy of the charges shall be served personally on the accused, or shall be left at his ordinary residence or place of business.

If the accused be not within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and his residence is known, they shall be forwarded to his address by the Secretary by mail or other usual mode of conveyance. In making the service, the times specified in this section of the Constitution must be observed. The follow-

ing may be a form for the certificate of service, when the service is not had by mail or other mode of conveyance:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, ..., Secretary (or Tyler, or a member authorized by the Master for this purpose), of this Lodge, hereby certify that I duly served the annexed summons upon Bro....., the accused brother named therein, on the..... day of....., 19..., by delivering to him in person at....., (or leaving at his ordinary place of residence, to-wit: ..... street, in ....., Arizona), or leaving at his place of business, to-wit: ....., in ....., Arizona, the duplicate thereof, together with a certified copy of the charge and specifications which accompanied the summons.

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The following may be a form for the certificate of service when the service is had by mail or other mode of conveyance:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, ..., Secretary of this Lodge, hereby certify that on the.....day of....., 19.., I forwarded by mail (or other usual mode of conveyance, stating it), to Bro. ..... named in the annexed summons, at....., in the State of....., which place is the residence of the said brother, the duplicate of the

annexed summons, together with a certified copy of the charge and specifications which accompanied the summons.

....., Secretary.

9th. The Constitution provides *(Sec. 152, Art. IV, Part VI)*, that if the address of the accused be unknown, the Master shall order the trial to proceed at once upon the testimony *ex parte*. This is the only case in which the trial of the accused can be legally had without service of summons on him as mentioned hereinbefore. It would seem to devolve on the Master to ascertain whether or not the address of the accused be unknown, and his finding on that question and direction for the trial to proceed *ex parte* should appear in the record. This finding might properly be announced at the meeting of the Lodge for the election of Trial Commissioners, after the election thereof, and before the naming of the time and place for trial, and may be in the following form:

The Master anounced that, after due investigation, he finds that the address of the accused is unknown, and that his present whereabouts are unknown, and therefore orders that the trial shall proceed upon the testimony *ex parte*. The Master named....., the.....day of....., 19..., etc.

10th. The Master will issue summonses for witnesses at the request of either the accuser or the accused, and the following may be the form of such:

SUMMONS TO A WITNESS

Hall of....., Lodge No..., F. & A. M.
At....., Arizona, ..., 19..

Bro. S..... T.....:

You are hereby summoned to appear at....., on.....the.....day of....., 19.., at.....o'clock ..M., there and then to testify in relation to a certain charge of unmasonic conduct preferred by Bro. C..... D..... against Bro. A..... B.....

Given at the place and on the day first above written, as witness my hand and (Seal) the seal of our Lodge, with the attestation of our Secretary.

K..... L....., Master.

Attest: G..... H....., Secretary.

11th. The Commissioners will assemble at the place and time directed by the Master. The Master and Secretary of the Lodge will also be present and will remain present until the conclusion of the trial. *(See Const., Secs. 153 and 157, Art. IV, Part VI).* No chairman is to be elected, but the Master will preside throughout. He will state the purpose for which the Commission is assembled. The Secretary shall keep a full and correct record of the proceedings and judgment. The names of the Commissioners elected will be called by the Secretary, and those found present, as well as the Master and himself, will be noted upon the record. If a majority of the Commissioners be

present the trial may proceed, or they may adjourn to some future time within the limitations prescribed by Sec. 156, Art. IV, Part VI, Const. *(See Const., Sec. 156, Art. IV, Part VI).*

12th. The Commission being ready to proceed, the Master will cause the charge and specifications to be read by the Secretary, and also the summons to the accused, with the certificate of service thereof, all which should appear upon the record. The fact that the accuser was duly notified should also appear, and the record should likewise show whether both or either were present. If counsel appears for either accused or accuser, as is allowed by our law *(See Const., Sec. 155, Art. IV, Part VI)*, that fact also should find proper place in the record; and, if there be objection to any of the Commissioners, the reasons for the objection may at this time be stated, and the Master should decide as to their validity, all of which should be stated in the record.

13th. The accused should now present his answer to the charge and specifications, which answer may be either oral or written, and should be made a part of the record. In this answer he may make a general or particular denial of all the specifications of the charge; or he may deny some and admit others, and may make statements in justification or extenuation of those admitted; or he may admit all, with expressions of sorrow for his misconduct; or, in fact, he may make any answer which to him, or his counsel, shall seem meet.

14th. The testimony will then be received in the manner prescribed in Section 154, Art. IV, Part VI, of the Constitution. All oral testimony, direct and cross, will be written out in full by the Secretary; and when each witness giving such testimony shall have concluded, his testimony shall be read to him, and, after such corrections as he may wish to make, shall be signed by him in the presence of the Commissioners. The documentary testimony will be presented in the manner prescribed in the section of the Constitution last referred to, and will be made a part of the record.

15th. As will be seen in Section 154, Art. IV, Part VI, above mentioned, authority may be given to the Master of another Lodge to take the testimony of a Mason residing within the jurisdiction of his Lodge. In such case the following may be a form for such—

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO TAKE TESTIMONY

Hall of....., Lodge No..., F. & A. M.
At....., 19...

To the Worshipful U..... V.....:
Master of.....Lodge No...., F. and A. M.
At.....

A charge of unmasonic conduct having been preferred in this Lodge by Bro. C..... D....., a Master in good standing, against Bro. A..... B....., a member of.....Lodge, No...., at....., a copy of which charge with the specifications, is

herewith transmitted; and the testimony of Bro. W..... X....., a member *(or a Mason residing within the jurisdiction)* of your Lodge, being deemed important at the trial of said charge, you are hereby authorized and requested to take the testimony of the said Bro. W..... X..... upon such matters as either the accuser or the accused, or both, may indicate in the paper *(or papers)* herewith annexed, and to make return thereof to me as early as may be possible.

Given at the place and on the day first above written, as witness my hand, the (Seal) seal of our Lodge, and the attestation of our Secretary.

K..... L....., Master.

Attest: G..... H....., Secretary.

It *should not be forgotten* that, when either party desires to have testimony taken elsewhere than before the Commissioners, *notice thereof must be given to the other party.*

16th. The testimony taken upon an authorization, such as the foregoing, should be written out precisely in the same manner, with question and answer, as though taken before the Commissioners; and, after being so written out and signed by the witness, should be attached to and be returned with the authorization, accompanied with the following:

CERTIFICATE

.....19....

I do hereby certify that the foregoing pages, numbered from....to...., inclusive, contain the full, true, and perfect deposition of Bro. W..... X....., taken by me under and by virtue of the annexed authorization.

U..... V.....,
Master of.....Lodge No...
Located at.....

17. If the testimony of witnesses who are not Masons is desired, such witness may appear before the Commission, and after having been put under oath or affirmation by some officer authorized by the laws of the State to administer oaths, may testify before the Commission in the same manner as Masons who appear before the Commission. Or such testimony may be taken by deposition before some officer, authorized by the laws of the State wherein the testimony is taken to administer oaths, and at such time and place and upon such notice to the adverse party as shall be designated by the Master. Witnesses who are Masons in good standing shall testify upon their honor as such; and all others shall testify under oath or affirmation. *(See Sec. 154, Art. IV, Part VI, Const.)*

18th. Should the Commissioners, by permission of the Master for good reasons shown *(see Const., Sec. 156, Art. IV, Part VI)*, extend the period of their sittings beyond ten days, the fact that such permission had been given, and the reasons therefor, should appear at the proper place or places in the record.

19th. The testimony being all received, the Commissioners will proceed to deliberate upon their verdict and sentence with none present save themselves, the Master and the Secretary. The Master and Secretary will both remain with them *(see Const., Sec. 157, Art. IV, Part VI)*, the first having no vote, but having authority to decide any point of Masonic law or usage which may arise, and the last having only to keep a full and correct record of the proceedings. After sufficient consultation and deliberation, a vote for "guilty" or "not guilty," by ballot, should be taken upon each deliberation, and each such vote should be recorded; and a similar vote should thus be taken upon the charge of unmasonic conduct and be thus recorded, as it might be that the facts proven and found did not constitute a Masonic offense. *A majority of all the Commissioners elected* is requisite to find a verdict of "guilty." Should the accused thus be found guilty of one or more of the specifications, *and* of the charge of unmasonic conduct, the Commissioners will proceed to vote, by ballot, upon the sentence, and a majority of all the Commissioners *elected* will be required to adjudge it whatsoever it may be. The vote will first be upon the question by the Master—"Shall the accused be expelled?"—and the ballots should have written upon them "aye" or "no." Should there not be the requisite majority for expulsion, the question will next be—"Shall the accused be suspended?"—and it will be decided in the same manner. Should there not be the required majority for suspension, the last question will be—"Shall the accused be

reprimanded?"—and it will be decided like the others. All this should be recorded, giving the number of votes, both "aye" and "no" upon each proposition.

20th. The trial being ended the Secretary will, as soon as possible, under the supervision of the Commissioners, make a fair copy of the record and finding, which is to be signed by all the Commissioners who acted in the case, attested to by the Secretary, and handed to the Master; and he, at the next stated meeting of the Lodge, *in the presence of its members only*, will announce the finding and sentence (if there be any sentence), and direct the Secretary to record the same as the judgment of the Lodge, and to file the record of the trial among its archives. *(See Const., Sec. 157, Art. IV, Part VI.)* It would be well that this be the last business done at such a meeting, as visitors should then be requested to retire; and the following may be a form for entry in the Record Book of such—

RECORD OF FINDING

All other business being concluded and there being present only members of his Lodge, the Master presented the record of the trial of Bro. A..... B....., by the Commissioners elected on the....day of....., 19..., and announced that he had been found guilty upon one *(or two, or all)* of the specifications in the charge of unmasonic conduct preferred against him, and also upon the charge; and had been sentenced to

expulsion *(or suspension)* from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. *(Or to reprimand in open Lodge.) (Or that he had been found not guilty upon all the specifications of the charge of unmasonic conduct preferred against him.)* The Master directed the Secretary to record the same as the judgment of the Lodge and to file the record of the trial among the archives.

21st. The transcript of the record of trial, mentioned in Section 159, Article IV, Part VI, of the Constitution, will be a fair copy of the proceedings of the Lodge at the election of Commissioners, of the record of the proceedings before the Commissioners, as hereinbefore directed to be kept, and of the announcement of the result in the Lodge, as suggested in the next preceding paragraph. It should be written plainly on cap paper, fastened at the upper end, and should be certified by the Secretary with the seal of the Lodge.

22nd. It should be remembered *(see Const., Sec. 159, Art. IV, Part VI),* that in *all* cases of expulsion or suspension, whether there be an appeal or not, a transcript must be sent to the Grand Secretary; but that, in cases of reprimand or acquittal, such transcript is only necessary when a proper notice of appeal has been given; and it should not be overlooked that the law requires such transcripts to be sent *immediately after the result of the trial shall have been announced to the Lodge.* Section 159, Article IV, Part VI, Constitution, provides how and within what time an appeal may be taken to the Grand Lodge by either party.

23rd. Form of Transcript of Record of Trial.

(a.) First should come a fair copy of the proceedings of the Lodge at the special meeting thereof held for the election of Trial Commissioners, which should have been entered in the minutes of the Lodge in substantially the following form:

FORM OF RECORD

At a meeting for election of Trial Commissioners.

Hall of....., Lodge No...., F. & A. M.
At....., Arizona, ..., 19..

By order of the Master, of which due notification was given to the brethren, this Lodge was specially convened at the place and on the day above written, at...o'clock, ..M., and there were present the following:

(Here give the names and titles of the officers, and the number of other members present, referring for the names of these last to the Tyler's Register.)

A Lodge of Master Masons having been duly opened, the Master stated that this special meeting had been called for the purpose of electing Commissioners to hear and determine upon a certain charge of unmasonic conduct preferred by a Master Mason in good standing against a brother of this Lodge *(or of some other Lodge, naming it, or, if a non-affiliated Mason, saying so)*, and desired that the Lodge should indicate the number of Commissioners which it deemed advisable to elect.

On motion, duly seconded, it was voted that the number of Commissioners be.....

The Master appointed Bros. O..... P..... and Q..... R..... to act as tellers, and the Lodge proceeded to ballot for Commissioners.

At the conclusion of the.....ballot it was found that the following named brethren had each received a majority of the votes of all the members present, viz.:

(Here give the names in full of all the Commissioners elected.)

And they were declared by the Master to be duly elected to serve as Commissioners.

(NOTE.—At this point, if the Master finds that the address of the accused is unknown, and directs the trial to proceed *ex parte*, record thereof may be inserted as provided in the 9th Section, and the direction as to summons being transmitted to the accused may be omitted.)

The Master named....., the..... day of....., 19..., at... ..o'clock, ..M., at the Lodge room *(or such other place as he may designate)*, as the time and place for the first meeting of the Commissioners, and directed the Secretary to notify each of them of his election and of the time and place of meeting.

The Master also directed the Secretary to prepare, for his signature, a summons to the accused to appear at said time and place before the Commissioners, and handed the charge to the Secretary with instructions that a certified copy thereof,

under the seal of the Lodge, be made and transmitted to the accused with said summons.

The Master also directed the Secretary to notify the accuser of said time and place of meeting of the Commissioners.

The meeting being thus concluded, the Lodge was closed.

.. G.....H..... Secretary.

Approved:

K..... L....., Master.

(b.) This should be followed by the record of the proceedings before the Commissioners, which may be in substantially the following form, viz.:

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At....., Arizona, ..., 19..

The Commissioners elected by.....Lodge No....., F. and A. M., on ..... 19.., to try a certain charge of unmasonic conduct preferred by Bro..... against Bro....., met at the time and place above noted, in accordance with the direction of the Master.

There were present the following named Commissioners, to-wit: Bros.....

.....

There were also present Bro....., W. M. of said Lodge, and Bro....., Secretary thereof. The accused was *(or was not)* present, and he was *(or was not)* represented by an attorney *(naming him)*.

The Master then stated the purpose for which the Commission is assembled.

A majority of the Commissioners elected being present, the trial was ordered to proceed.

The Master then caused the charge and specifications to be read by the Secretary, and also the summons to the accused, with the certificate of service thereof. The following is a copy of the same:

(Here insert copy of charge, see 2d section; copy of summons, see 6th section, and copy of certificate of service, see 8th section.)

It was also shown that the accused had been duly notified. No objection was made by either party to any of the Commissioners *(or, if objection is made, the fact and reasons given must be stated, together with the ruling of the Master thereon.)*

The accused, in answer to said charge and specifications, stated *(insert his statement as provided in 13th section, or, if his plea be in writing, insert copy thereof.)*

The Commissioners then proceeded to hear the testimony, and the following testimony was introduced on the part of the accuser:

Bro....., a Mason in good standing, testified on his honor as a Mason, as follows: "I am a Mason in good standing, a member of..... Lodge, No....., F. and A. M., of....."

(Here insert the testimony of the witness, exactly as he gives it in his own words, giving all the questions and answers.)

(Signed) .....

The foregoing testimony, given by Bro....., was read to the witness, and, after such reading, was signed by him in the presence of the Commissioners.

....., a witness who is not a Mason, appeared before the Commission, and having been put under oath to testify truly by....., an officer authorized by the laws of Arizona to administer oaths, testified as follows:

(Here insert his testimony.)

The deposition of....., who was not a Mason, taken by order of the Master by an officer authorized by the laws of Arizona to administer oaths, was here introduced.

(Here insert copy of such deposition, with copies of all papers appertaining thereto.)

The testimony of Bro....., a Mason residing without the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and taken by ....., Master of Lodge, No....., F. and A. M., by authorization of the Master of this Lodge, was here introduced.

(Here insert copy of authorization, testimony and certificate.)

The accused offered the following testimony:

(Here insert all of such testimony in the manner already stated.)

No further testimony being offered, the matter was submitted to the Commissioners for decision The Commissioners thereupon proceeded to deliberate, with none present save themselves, the Master and Secretary. After sufficient consultation and deliberation, a vote for "guilty" or "not

guilty" was taken by ballot on the first specification, and the vote thereon was "guilty," 3; "not guilty," 4. A vote for "guilty" or "not guilty" was then taken by ballot on the second specification, and the vote thereon was "guilty," 6; "not guilty," 1. A vote for "guilty" or "not guilty" was then taken by ballot upon the charge of unmasonic conduct, and the vote thereon was "guilty," 6; "not guilty," 1.

The Commissioners then proceeded to vote, by ballot, upon the sentence. The Master submitted to the Commissioners the question—"Shall the accused be expelled?" The ballot on such question resulted, "aye," 3; "no," 4. The Master then submitted to the Commissioners the question—"Shall the accused be suspended?" The ballot on such question resulted, "aye," 6; "no," 1.

The result of this ballot having been declared, the Commission, having finished its work, adjourned.

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Signatures of Commissioners who acted.

I, ..., Secretary of .....Lodge, No....., F. and A. M., do hereby certify that I acted as Secretary of the Trial Commission elected by said Lodge to try a charge of unmasonic conduct preferred by.....against....., and that the foregoing is a full and correct record of the proceedings and findings of said Commission.

Dated....., 19.....

....., Secretary.

(This completes the copy of the record of the Commission, the *original* of which should be handed to the Master of the Lodge, who makes the announcement at the next stated meeting of the Lodge—see 20th section. The *original* record of the Commission, handed to the Master and filed in the Lodge, should in all cases contain the *original papers* (charge, summons, depositions, etc.), and not copies. *The original record remains with the Lodge.* The transcript for the Grand Lodge, given above, is a *copy* of this original record, including copies of all papers therein.)

(c.) The above should be followed in the transcript sent to the Grand Lodge by a copy of the minutes of the Lodge relating to the announcement in the Lodge by the Master, for which see 20th section.

(d.) The transcript sent to the Grand Lodge should then be certified by the Secretary of the Lodge, as stated in the 21st section. The following may be a form for such certificate:

Hall of....., Lodge No...., F. & A. M.
At ....., Arizona, ..., 19..

I, ..., Secretary of the above named Lodge, do hereby certify that in the case of....., charged with unmasonic conduct, the foregoing is a full and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of the Lodge at the election of Commissioners, of the record of proceedings before the Commissioners, and of the minutes of the Lodge as to the announcement of the result in the Lodge.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto
(Seal) set my hand and the seal of said Lodge.

....., Secretary.

This must be followed by the approval of the Master, which may be as follows:

I, ..., Master of said Lodge, do hereby certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing transcript of trial-record, and I do hereby approve the same.

Dated....., 19...

.....

Master of ..... Lodge, No..., F. and A. M.

The foregoing forms are intended simply to show in a general way what is requisite. They must, of course, be changed by the persons preparing records to meet the facts of each particular case.

Installation of Officers

(Subordinate Lodge)

A Lodge of Master Masons is opened. The Lodge is called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of installing its officers. The retiring Officers vacate their places. The jewels are placed on a small table in front of the Installing Officer. The Officers to be installed retire to the preparation room and form in the following order:

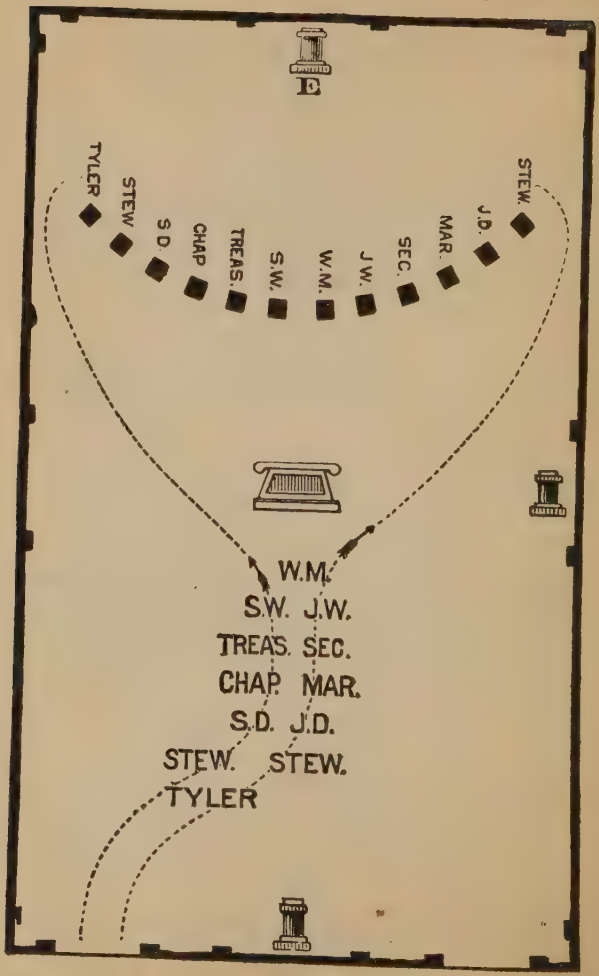
Worshipful Master,

Senior Warden, Junior Warden,
Treasurer, Secretary,
Chaplain, Marshal,
Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon,
Steward, Steward,

Tyler,

When the Marshal conducts the Officers elect into the Lodge room the brethren are called up by the Installing Officer, and remain in that position until seated by him, which will be when the Marshal has conducted the Officers elect to the seats prepared for them, which are placed in the following manner in front of the Installing Officer, between the Altar and the East:

(See diagram on next page.)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S.D. J.D.
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TYLER

The Officers are conducted by the Marshal from the preparation room to the Altar where they separate right and left, and take their places in front of their respective chairs, and remain standing until seated by the Installing Officer.

INSTALLATION SERVICE.

Master.—Brother Marshal, are the Officers of this Lodge, lately chosen, present and ready to be installed in their respective offices?

Marshal.—They are without, awaiting your pleasure, Worshipful Master.

Master.—You will conduct them to the seats prepared for them.

[Enter with music.]

Marshal.—Worshipful Master: The Officers of this Lodge, lately chosen, are present and ready to be installed in their respective offices.

Master.—You will then present to me the Brother who has been elected to discharge the important duties of Master of this Lodge.

Marshal.—I have great pleasure in presenting to you Bro. ....., who has been elected by this Lodge to be its Master for the ensuing Masonic year.

Master.—Is it known that Brother ..... is well skilled in our ancient Craft? Is he zealous in his regard for the interests of our Order?

And is he duly qualified to discharge the special duties of the Master's chair?

Marshal.—It is well known that he is all this, Worshipful Master. This Certificate, vouching for his proficiency in the ritual of our Order, is evidence that he is well skilled in our ancient Craft.

[Presents Certificate.]

I find him to be of good morals, true and trusty, and he is a lover of the Fraternity, I doubt not that he will discharge the duties with fidelity and with honor.

[Master faces the Brethren.]

Master.—Brethren, you now behold before you Bro. ....., who has been duly elected to serve this Lodge as Worshipful Master, and who is now about to be installed. If any of you have any reasons to urge why he should not be installed, you will now make them known or forever after hold your peace.

[Master then faces Installing Officer.]

Bro. ....., hearing no objection, I shall most cheerfully proceed to install you in the dignified and honorable position to which the suffrages of your brethren have called you; not doubting that the dignity of the Oriental Chair will be well preserved in your keeping, and that the interest and welfare of this Lodge may be safely confided to your charge. Before commencing your in-

vestiture, however, it is necessary that you should signify your assent to those ancient charges and regulations which point out the duties of the Master of a Lodge, and which on no account are ever to be neglected or departed from. They are as follows:—

I. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.

II. You agree to be a peaceable citizen, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.

III. You promise not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme Legislature.

IV. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.

V. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the Order of Masonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your Brethren, when convened, in every case consistent with the constitutions of the Order.

VI. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.

VII. You agree to be cautious in carriage and behavior, courteous to your Brethren, and faithful to your Lodge.

VIII. You promise to respect genuine Brethren, and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of Masonry.

IX. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the Art.

X. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed; and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons, that is not subversive of the principles and groundwork of Masonry.

XI. You admit that it is not in the power of any man or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry.

XII. You promise a regular attendance on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge, on receiving proper notice, and to pay attention to all the duties of Masonry on convenient occasions.

XIII. You admit that no new Lodge should be formed without permission of the Grand Lodge; and that no countenance should be given to any irregular Lodge, or to any person clandestinely initiated therein—being contrary to the ancient charges of the Order.

XIV. You admit that no person can be regularly made a Mason in, or admitted a member of, any regular Lodge, without previous notice, and due inquiry into his character.

XV. You agree that no visitors shall be received into your Lodge without due examination,

and producing proper vouchers of their having been initiated in a regular Lodge.

These are among the regulations of Free and Accepted Masons, and to these your assent must be freely given. Do you submit to these charges and promise to support these regulations, as Masters have done in all ages before you?

Master Elect.—I do.

Master.—Then, my Brother, in consequence of this assurance, and with full confidence in your capacity and zeal, I will now install you Worshipful Master of ..... Lodge, No. ... Brother Marshal, you will invest him with this jewel of his station.

Master.—That, my Brother, is an emblem of morality; and as it is the especial badge of the Master's office, it should constantly remind you that not only by precept, but by example, you should promote good morals among the Brethren, and thus endeavor to avert the shadow of any scandal or reproach against the Fraternity. Your former life has given evidence that this jewel will not be an unmeaning symbol in your hands, and I solemnly charge you to take good care that its lustre be not dimmed through any act of yours. I now present you the Book of Holy Writings. It is the great Light in Masonry, and should ever be the great law of the Brotherhood. It will guide you to all truth; it will direct you to eternal happiness; and an attentive regard to the divine

precepts it contains will insure you success in the fulfillment of the duties you are now about to assume.

The working tools of our Craft will next be given you that, as the Master Workman, you may instruct the Craftsmen in the various duties and virtues which they have been selected to illustrate.

The Square—teaches us well to regulate our every action, and to let our conduct be governed by the principles of Morality and Virtue.

The Compass—teaches us to limit our desires in every station, and never to suffer our passions or our prejudices to become the masters of our judgment.

The Rule—directs the undeviating discharge of all our duties; that we should press forward in the straight path of right and truth without inclining to the one hand or to the other; in all our doings having Eternity in view.

The Plumb-line— is an emblem of moral rectitude. It teaches us to avoid all dissimulation and to pursue that honest and upright course in life which will tend to our elevation in the higher realms of immortality.

There are still other important things which you will receive in charge. This Book of Constitutions you are expected diligently to search, and from time to time to cause its contents to be read in your Lodge, that none may remain ignorant of the precepts it enjoins, or of the ordinances which it promulgates.

This book contains the By-Laws of your Lodge, which it will be your especial duty to see carefully and punctually executed.

And this is the Charter—under the authority of which your Lodge is held, and which you are carefully to preserve, and duly transmit to your successor in the Master's Chair.

You will now be seated.

[Music.]

Master.—Brother Marshal, you will now present the Senior Warden elect.

Marshal.—Worshipful Master: I now present to you for installation Brother ....., who has been duly elected to serve as Senior Warden of this Lodge. He is of good morals, true and trusty, and possesses the love and confidence of his Brethren.

Master.—Brother ....., you have been duly elected Senior Warden of this Lodge, and I now invest you with this distinctive badge of your honorable station.

The Level demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, that we partake of the same nature, and share the same hope; and that although distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are Brethren; for he who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel may be entitled to our regard; because a time will come, and the wisest know not how soon,

when all distinction save that of goodness shall cease: and death, the mighty leveler of human greatness, reduce us to the same state.

Your regular attendance on our stated meetings is essentially necessary. In the absence of the Master, you are to govern the Lodge; in his presence, you are to assist him in the government of it. I firmly rely on your knowledge of Masonry, and attachment to the Lodge, for the faithful discharge of the duties of this important trust. Look well to the West.

[Music.]

Master.—Brother Marshal, you will next present the Junior Warden elect.

Marshal.—Worshipful Master: I now present to you for installation, Brother ....., who has been duly elected by this Lodge to serve as Junior Warden for the ensuing year.

Master.—Brother ....., you have been elected Junior Warden of this Lodge, and I now invest you with this badge of your high position.

The Plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations, to hold the scale of justice in equal poise, to observe the just medium between intemperance and pleasure, and to make our passions and prejudices coincide with the line of our duty.

To you is committed the superintendence of the Craft during the hours of refreshment; it is, therefore, indispensably necessary that you should

not only be temperate and discreet in the indulgence of your own inclinations, but that you should carefully observe that none of the Craft be suffered to convert the means of refreshment into intemperance and excess.

Your regular and punctual attendance is particularly requested; and I have no doubt that you will faithfully execute the duty which you owe to your present appointments — Look well to the South!

[Music.]

Master.—Brother Marshal: you will next present the Treasurer elect.

Marshal.—Worshipful Master: I take pleasure in presenting to you Brother ....., who has been elected Treasurer of this Lodge.

Master.—Brother ....., you have been elected Treasurer of this Lodge, and I now invest you with the badge of your office. The keys, forming the jewel of your station, have a twofold significance. They are instruments to bind as well as to make loose; to make fast as well as to open. They will never, I am confident, be used by you in any other manner than that which the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Lodge shall direct. You will receive all moneys from the Secretary, keep a just and accurate account thereof, and pay the same out, by order of the Worshipful Master, and the consent of the Lodge.

[Music.]

Master.—Brother Marshal: you will next present the Secretary elect.

Marshal.—Worshipful Master: I take pleasure in presenting to you Brother ....., who has been elected Secretary of this Lodge for the ensuing year.

Master.—Brother ..... you have been elected Secretary of this Lodge, and I will now invest you with the badge of your office. In investing you with your official jewel, the Pens, I am persuaded that they will make an endearing record, not only to your praise, but also to the welfare of this Lodge. It is your duty to observe the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master, to keep a faithful record of all things proper to be written, transmit a copy of the same to the Grand Lodge when required, receive all moneys from the Brethren, pay the same to the Treasurer, and take his receipt therefor.

[Music.]

Master.—Brother Marshal: You will next present our worthy Chaplain for installation.

Marshal.—Worshipful Master: I take pleasure in presenting to you Brother ....., who has been appointed Chaplain of this Lodge.

Master.—Reverend and Worshipful Brother:—That Holy Book, which is the Chart and text-book of your sacred calling, is also the Great Light in Masonry, and forever sheds its benignant rays

upon every lawful assemblage of Free and Accepted Masons. Teach us from its life-giving precepts; invoke upon our labors the blessing of that Divine Being whose infinite goodness it so fully reveals and unfolds to us; and warn us by its lessons of wisdom and truth; and you will have faithfully performed your sacred functions and fulfilled your important trust. It is your duty to perform those solemn services which we should constantly render to our great Creator, and which, when offered by one whose holy profession is to "allure to brighter worlds and lead the way," may, by elevating our thoughts, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of the blessed in the realms of Life and Light eternal. It is fitting that an emblem of the sacred volume should be the jewel of your office, and with it I now invest you.

[Music.]

Master.—Brother Marshal: You will now present the Brother who has been appointed Marshal of this Lodge.

Marshal.—Worshipful Master: I take pleasure in presenting to you Brother ....., who has been appointed Marshal of this Lodge.

Master.—Brother ....., you have been appointed Marshal of this Lodge, and I now present you with the jewel and symbol of your office. The Baton is an emblem of command, and is sufficiently significant of your duties. You will,

under the direction of the Master, take charge of all Processions of the Lodge, and as the proper performance of many ceremonies will depend upon the manner in which your duties are discharged, you are enjoined to be most careful in their performance. You will now take your proper place.

[Music.]

Master.—Brother Marshal: You will now present the Brethren who have been appointed to serve this Lodge as Senior and Junior Deacons.

Marshal.—Worshipful Master: I have the pleasure to present to you for installation Brothers ...., who have been appointed to serve this Lodge as Senior and Junior Deacons.

Master.—Brothers ...., you have been appointed Deacons of this Lodge, and will now receive the jewels of your office. They indicate that it is your province to attend upon the Master and Wardens, and to act as their Proxies, in the active duties of this Lodge. It will be your especial duty, Brother Senior Deacon, to carry orders from the Worshipful Master in the East, to the Senior Warden in the West, and elsewhere about the Lodge as required; to attend to all alarms at the door of the preparation room, receive and conduct candidates during their initiation, and to introduce and accommodate visiting Brethren. You, Brother Junior Deacon, will carry messages from the Senior Warden in the West, to the Junior Warden in the South, and

elsewhere about the Lodge as directed. You will attend to all alarms at the door, and see that the Lodge is duly tyled. Those Rods, my Brothers, distinctive of your office, will now be entrusted to your care; and believing from your past deportment in the Lodge, that your duties will be discharged with ability and zeal, I dismiss you to your respective places.

[Music.]

Master.—Brother Marshal: You will now present the Brethren who are to serve this Lodge as Stewards.

Marshal.—Worshipful Master: I take pleasure in presenting to you Brothers ...., who have been appointed to serve this Lodge as Stewards for the ensuing Masonic year.

Master.—Brothers ...., you have been appointed Stewards of this Lodge, and I will now instruct you in your duties: In olden times, your province was to superintend and provide for the Festivals of the Craft, to assist in the collection of dues and subscriptions, to keep an account of the expenses for refreshments, and to see that the tables were properly supplied, and every Brother suitably provided for. In later times, however, the provision of actual refreshment in Lodges has generally ceased, and your functions will now be to prepare candidates for admission, and to perform those duties which Masonic custom has assigned to you on days of

Procession. Receive the jewels of your office, together with the White Rods, and repair to your respective places.

[Music.]

Master.—Brother Marshal: You will now present the Brother who has been appointed Tyler of this Lodge.

Marshal.—Worshipful Master: I now present Brother....., who has been appointed Tyler of this Lodge.

Master.—Brother ....., you have been appointed Tyler of this Lodge, and I now present you with this jewel and implement of your office. As the Sword is placed in the hands of the Tyler, to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified, so should it admonish us to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch at our lips, and post a sentinel over our actions; thereby preventing the approach of every unworthy thought and deed, and preserving consciences void of offence toward God and man. You will now repair to your proper place.

[Music.]

Master.—Worshipful Master: I congratulate you on your ascension to this time-honored seat. The duties incumbent upon you in your exalted station are fraught with grave responsibilities. Remember that the honor, reputation, and usefulness of your Lodge will materially depend upon

the skill and assiduity with which you manage its concerns, and that the happiness of its members will be generally promoted in proportion to the watchful care with which you cherish the genuine principles of our Institution.

For a pattern of initiation, consider the great luminary of nature, which, rising in the East, regularly diffuses light and lustre to all within its circle. In like manner, it is your province to spread and communicate light and instruction to the Brethren of your Lodge. Forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Masonry; and seriously admonish them never to disgrace it. Charge them to practice out of the Lodge, those duties which they have been taught in it; and by amiable, discreet, and virtuous conduct, to convince mankind of the goodness of this Institution; so that, when a person is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows; one to whom distress may prefer its suit; one whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence. In short, by a diligent observance of the By-Laws of your Lodge, the Constitutions of Masonry, and, above all, the Holy Scriptures, which are given as the rule and guide of your faith, you will be enabled to acquit yourself with the highest honors here and lay up a crown of rejoicing which shall continue when time shall be no more.

Brother Senior and Junior Wardens: You are too well acquainted with the principles of Ma-

sonry to warrant any distrust that you will be found wanting in the discharge of your respective duties. Suffice it to say, that what you have seen praiseworthy in others, you should carefully imitate; and what in them may have appeared defective, you should yourselves avoid. You should be examples of discretion and propriety; for it is only by a due regard for our laws and regulations as shown in your own conduct, that you can expect obedience to them from others. You are assiduously to assist the Master in the discharge of his trust; diffusing light and imparting knowledge to all whom he shall place under your care.

In the absence of the Master you will succeed to higher duties; your acquirements must therefore be such as will insure proper instruction to the Craft. From the spirit which you have hitherto evinced, I entertain no doubt that your future conduct will be such as will merit the applause of your Brethren, and the testimony of a good conscience.

Brethren of .....Lodge, No.....: Such is the nature of our Constitution, that as some must, of necessity, rule and teach, so must others, of course, learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty. The officers who have been chosen to govern your Lodges are sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety and the Laws of the Institution, to avoid exceeding the power with which they are intrusted; and you are of too generous dispositions to envy their preferment. I therefore trust that you will have but one

aim to please each other, and unite in the grand design of promoting happiness.

Finally, my Brethren, as this association has been formed and perfected in so much unanimity and concord, so may it long continue. May you long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can afford. May kindness and brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons.

Within your peaceful walls may your children's children celebrate, with joy and gratitude, the annual recurrence of this auspicious solemnity. And may the tenets of our profession be transmitted through this Lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

Worshipful Master: It now remains for me to present to you the Gavel, the emblem of power. In the hands of the Master, it may be made the instrument of great good, or of greater evil. With it, the Master governs his Lodge; and the welfare and prosperity of your Lodge, in a great measure, depend upon its judicious use. In your hands, I am confident, it will be wielded for the best interests of your Brethren.

Master, behold your Brethren! Brethren, behold your Master!

The Brethren of ..... Lodge, No....., will, under the direction of the Marshal, form in procession and salute their Worshipful Master in due and ancient form.

(After Procession.)

Master.—Brother Marshal: You will now make Proclamation.

Marshal.—By order of the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona, I do now proclaim the Officers of ..... Lodge, No..., to be duly installed.

[The Worshipful Master then seats the Lodge.]

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Approved Decisions and Rulings

ADVANCEMENT

No. 1. An Entered Apprentice, against whom objection for advancement has been sustained by the Lodge and to whom the fees for the remaining degrees have been returned, in the event he desires to advance, must make application in the usual form of petition, accompanied by the required fee for remaining degrees, and the petition will then take the prescribed course of other petitions for the degrees or affiliation. One year must have elapsed between the time of denial of advancement and the petition for the remaining degrees, and the petition should state the facts as to his election, receiving the Entered Apprentice degree and subsequent rejection.

See also Approved Decision No. 26a.
1892, pages 188 and 204.
1911, pages 550, 551 and 572.
1925, pages 253, 254 and 318.
Constitution, Sections 77, 78 and 81.

AFFILIATION.

No. 2. An application for affiliation must take the same course and be governed by the same rules as a petition for the degrees.

1900, pages 269 and 300.

No. 3. Upon the rejection of an applicant for affiliation, a dispensation to re-ballot is unnecessary.

1913, pages 16 and 59.

No. 4. Where the Grand Lodge of Arizona has withdrawn recognition of another Masonic Grand Body, but no edict of non-intercourse with the latter's members has been issued, a Lodge may receive an application for affiliation from a brother that has demitted therefrom.

1919, pages 440, 441 and 493.
1921, pages 22, 23, 24 and 65.

No. 5. All regular Lodges under the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, but now under the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, are recognized and the brethren from such Lodges may affiliate with and are entitled to visit Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

1913, pages 16 and 59.

Note by Committee: Recognition having been withdrawn by this Grand Lodge, yet the decision is in accord with Decisions Nos. 4 and 99 rendered in 1919 and 1921.

Additional note by Committee: Recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was again extended in February, 1923.

1923, page 469.

No. 6. Any Lodge in this Jurisdiction may receive an application for affiliation from a non-affiliated Mason, residing in Arizona or any other Grand Jurisdiction without a waiver by the Lodge nearest his domicile.

1895, pages 387 and 399.
1913, pages 16 and 59.
1915, pages 342 and 382.
1925, pages 255 and 318.
Constitution, Section 124.

No. 7. A non-affiliated Mason, whose application for affiliation has been rejected, does not come under the purview of Regulation No. 1 for a period of six months after such rejection. His rejection does not affect his standing as a dimitted Mason and he may apply for affiliation every six months, or oftener, and maintain the same status which entitles him to Masonic recognition or burial.

1891, pages 130 and 144.
Constitution, Sections Nos. 124 and 167 and Regulation No. 1.

APRON.

No. 8. The apron should be worn outside of the clothing in conformity with good Masonic usage.

1913, pages 22 and 60.

Note by Committee: The above is not a "decision" but a recommendation made by the Grand Master and approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the Grand Lodge.

ARMY AND NAVY.

No. 9. Members of the Militia or National Guard, the United States Geological Survey and ex-soldiers are not members of the United States Army in the meaning of the Constitution.

1903, page 578.
1917, pages 89 and 90.
1921, pages 19, 20, 64 and 65.
Constitution, Section 34 (5th subdivision).

ASSESSMENTS.

No. 9a. No Lodge can levy an assessment against its members.

1923, pages 428 and 476.

BALLOTING.

No. 10. Where the application for restoration of a brother suspended for non-payment of dues fails to receive the necessary three-fourths vote of the Lodge as provided in Section 86 of the Constitution, a second ballot may be had upon a motion to reconsider the first action being carried, the same to take place immediately and all of the members participating in the first ballot being present.

1916, pages 546 and 551.

No. 11. A favorable report by two members of an investigating committee upon a petition for the degrees, or an application for affiliation, is sufficient for the Worshipful Master to make a favorable report to the Lodge. If the Worshipful Master desires the report of the other member of the committee further time may be granted by him.

1917, pages 58 and 89.

BY-LAWS.

No. 11aa. To comply with the Constitution a member, at the conclusion of the ceremonies of the Third Degree, should at once sign the Lodge's By-Laws.

1925, pages 248, 249, 250 and 318.
Constitution, Section 114, (2d subdivision.)

CLUBS.

No. 11a. A club may be formed by Master Masons in good standing for the purpose of studying the written work or history of the fraternity. Only Master Masons in good standing shall be admitted to the club, which may occupy suitable quarters. No Masonic work nor the practice of the secret work shall be done by the club, and the use of the word "Masonic" in its name is prohibited.

1922, pages 216 and 255.

No. 11b. The Santa Fe (Masonic) Club of Los Angeles, California, cannot confer degrees as such, but its members may be admitted as visitors in the regular way and participate in the work as individuals, if the Worshipful Master desires and is present.

1922, pages 216, 217 and 255.

CONCORDANT BODY OF MASONRY.

No. 11c. The "Concordant Body of Masonry" comprises only recognized Royal Arch Chapters, Councils of Royal and Select Masters and Knights Templar of the York Rite and legitimate Bodies of the Scottish Rite, Fourth to Thirty-third degrees, inclusive.

1925, pages 251, 252 and 318.

Regulation No. 16.

Regulation No. 16 was repealed February 10, 1926.

DEGREES.

No. 12. The three degrees shall not be conferred upon a candidate within a period of twenty-four, or thirty-six hours.

1901, pages 358, 359 and 391.
Constitution, Sections 82 and 84.

No. 13. A Master Mason who has never held an office in the Lodge, if proficient in the work, may confer any of the degrees, provided that the Worshipful Master or one of the Wardens is present.

1917, pages 59, 60 and 90.
1922, pages 216, 217 and 255.
1923, pages 427, 428 and 476.
Constitution, Section 111.

No. 14. Upon the request of a Lodge in this, or in a foreign jurisdiction, with which the Grand Lodge of Arizona is in fraternal correspondence, any, or all of the degrees may be conferred by a Lodge in Arizona, both Lodges being certain of the identity of the applicant. Likewise a Lodge in a foreign jurisdiction may confer any or all of the degrees at the request of a Lodge in this jurisdiction.

1901, pages 390 and 394.
1915, pages 342 and 382.
1915, pages 343, 388 and 389.
1918, pages 251, 252, 253 and 297.
1920, pages 634 and 687.

DIMIT.

No. 15. Where a brother applies for a dimit and it is formally granted by the Lodge, all connection between the two is severed and the dimit is legal even though the brother's dues were not paid, but the Lodge acted under a misapprehension as to that fact.

1884, pages 139, 154 and 159.

No. 15a. The issuance of a dimit cannot be withheld because a Brother has not contributed to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund.

1922, pages 216 and 255.

No. 16. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft has no right to demand a dimit from his Lodge, nor has the Lodge the authority to grant him one. A Lodge may waive jurisdiction over him in order that he may apply to another Lodge.

1884, pages 139, 154 and 159.

No. 17. Where a brother has been tried and convicted of an offense, a dimit cannot be issued to him prior to the passing of a sentence of reprimand.

1891, pages 130 and 144.

No. 18. A Lodge U. D. voluntarily surrendered its Dispensation and the Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to issue Grand Lodge dimits to the members in good standing at the time of such dissolution. The Committee on Charters and By-Laws reported that these members were entitled under the Constitution to certificates of that

fact, having the same effect as the regular recommendatory certificates of withdrawal issued by existing Lodges, which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge. However, Section 123 of the Constitution is silent as to Lodges under dispensation.

1898, pages 90 and 114.
Constitution, Section 123.

No. 19. Where an application for affiliation is accompanied by "a satisfactory explanation in writing of his inability to furnish such dimit" as provided in Section 88 of the Constitution, it need not be confined to a certificate under the seal of the Lodge of which the applicant was last a member, as the Lodge receiving the application is competent to judge the sufficiency of such "satisfactory explanation" and to pass upon the eligibility of the applicant.

1898, pages 91, 92, 116 and 117.
1913, pages 16 and 59.
Constitution, Section 88.

No. 20. A dimit issued by a regular Lodge is sufficient to accompany an application for affiliation regardless of its date.

1918, pages 249, 250 and 297.

Note by Committee: It is suggested that Sections 124 and 167 of the Constitution and Regulation No. 1 be considered when dimits are presented.

No. 21. Where charges are pending against a brother, he should not be granted a dimit until such charges are disposed of.

1905, pages 13 and 31.

No. 22. The Grand Lodge does not recognize a dimit given an Entered Apprentice by a foreign jurisdiction, and one in that position stands in the same relation to the Lodge as a profane, and must petition for the three degrees, paying the usual fees therefor.

1907, pages 199 and 222.

ENTERED APPRENTICE.

No. 23. An Entered Apprentice who has been denied advancement may visit his own Lodge when open on the first degree and is an Entered Apprentice in good standing.

1892, pages 188 and 204.
1925, pages 253, 254 and 318.

No. 23a. An Entered Apprentice may be tried under the same procedure as for the trial of a Master Mason, though he has no right to demand such a trial.

1925, pages 253, 254 and 318.

EVIDENCE.

No. 24. Hearsay evidence can only be admitted for the purpose of proving general reputation. To establish or disprove any fact, the matter to which a witness testifies must be within his actual personal knowledge; hence, hearsay evidence cannot be admitted to prove or disprove a specific act.

1885, pages 186 and 203.

FEES.

No. 25. A Protestant minister must pay the required fees upon petitioning for the degrees.

1913, pages 16 and 59.

No. 26. Each Lodge is the sole judge as to whether or not any fee shall be charged for conferring degrees on behalf of a sister jurisdiction.

1907, pages 200, 201 and 222.

Note by Committee: The above states the law, but the conferring of the degrees under these circumstances is an act of Masonic courtesy which should be extended without exacting a fee, unless the requesting Grand Lodge or Lodge charges, or has charged us, in like cases.

No. 26a. The ten-dollar fee for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund must be collected from a Brother suspended for non-payment of dues on his applying for reinstatement, unless he has previously paid the fee or it may be remitted along with his dues if he is unable to pay and the Lodge so decides and remits.

1923, pages 480 and 481.
Constitution, Sections 59½ and 86.

No. 26b. All petitioners to form a Lodge under Dispensation, or Masons affiliating with any Lodge, must pay the ten-dollar fee to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, unless they have previously paid that fee through another Lodge.

1925, pages 253 and 318.
Constitution, Section 59½.

No. 26c. The ten-dollar fee for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund cannot be refunded to an Entered Apprentice denied advancement, but must be refunded to petitioners for the degrees or applicants for affiliation who are rejected.

1925, pages 254 and 318.
1926, pages 499 and 574.
Constitution, Section 59½.

No. 26d. An Entered Apprentice, petitioning for the remaining degrees under a waiver from another Grand Jurisdiction, must pay the ten-dollar fee to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund in addition to the fees for the two degrees.

1926, pages 498, 499 and 574.
Constitution, Section 59½.

FUNERALS.

No. 27. No Lodge, nor any Mason, shall appear in Masonic clothing at the funeral of any one not a Master Mason; nor of a brother where the services are conducted by the Knights Templar; nor the funeral of a sister of the Eastern Star when the services are conducted by that Order.

If a church service precedes the Masonic service, the Lodge may attend the church services in Masonic clothing.

See Decision No. 29.
1885, pages 186 and 203.
1894, pages 322 and 341.
1903, pages 577 and 603.
1926, pages 499, 500 and 574.
Constitution, Section 85.

No. 28. In case of the suicide of a Master Mason in good standing in this jurisdiction, if reasonable ground of insanity be shown, the deceased should not be debarred from a Masonic burial, and the Master and Wardens of the Lodge to which he belonged, or the Master and Wardens of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the suicide was committed, shall determine as to his insanity and as to the propriety of interring him with Masonic honors.

1894, pages 323, 324 and 341.

No. 29. When a Lodge conducts the funeral service of a brother it should do so without any interruption, or participation in, by any other Society or Order. At the conclusion of its service, the Lodge may, at its pleasure, either return to the Lodge room or remain until other Lodges or Societies finish their services.

See Decision No. 27.
1904, pages 676 and 695.

No. 30. The Grand Master may, if he deems it expedient, convene the Grand Lodge in a special communication in accordance with Section 13 of the Constitution, for the purpose of conducting the funeral services over a brother.

1913, pages 16 and 59.
Constitution, Section 13.

GRAND MASTER.

No. 31. The Grand Master possesses no powers except those contained in the Constitutions of Ma-

sonry and those clearly and expressly delegated to him by his brethren.

1896, pages 444, 455 and 456.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

No. 32. The installation of the officers of a Lodge can only be performed by a Past Master.

1898, pages 93 and 116.

No. 33. It is not necessary that the officers of a Lodge be installed before the next stated communication after their election. No fixed time is set by the Constitution other than as soon as practicable after their election.

1915, pages 342 and 382.
Constitution, Section 101.

No. 34. A Past Master in good standing in this or any other grand jurisdiction may install the officers of a Lodge upon the invitation of the Worshipful Master or one of the Wardens acting in his stead.

1916, pages 528, 529, 530, 531, 553 and 554.

JURISDICTION.

No. 35. As far as this Jurisdiction is concerned a man elected to receive the degrees in a foreign jurisdiction remains the material of that jurisdiction, regardless of the lapse of any period of time. They may waive jurisdiction or request a Lodge in this jurisdiction to confer the degrees on their behalf.

1891, pages 130 and 144.

No. 35a. A certificate under the seal of another Grand Lodge stating the Lodge to which an Entered Apprentice belonged has lost its Charter may be accepted in lieu of a waiver. The petitioner must have the necessary qualifications as to residence and apply in the regular manner, paying the fees for the remaining two degrees and the ten-dollar Masonic Home Endowment Fund fee.

1926, pages 498, 499 and 574.

No. 36. Where a Lodge receives a petition for the degrees from an applicant who resides within the jurisdiction of another Lodge in Arizona, and the latter Lodge refuses to waive jurisdiction over the applicant, the petition and fees must be returned to the party applying.

1895, pages 386 and 399.
Constitution, Sections 77 and 94.

No. 36a. Where a Lodge confers the degrees upon a resident of the jurisdiction of another Lodge, the fees must be paid to the latter Lodge.

1926, pages 596 and 597.

No. 37. The Grand Lodge of Arizona does not claim or recognize perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material.

1895, page 388.

No. 38. A Lodge cannot waive jurisdiction over its material in favor of any foreign Lodge.

1900, pages 296 and 297.
1904, pages 676 and 695.

No. 38a. A newly-organized Lodge does not acquire geographical jurisdiction over petitioners to, Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts of another Lodge that received their petitions prior to the organization of the new Lodge. Under such circumstances work lawfully commenced in a Lodge may be finished by it.

1922, pages 217 and 255.

No. 39. A Lodge conferred the first and second degrees upon an applicant who was a resident of the jurisdiction of an adjoining Lodge; which demanded the fees for the degrees and asserted its right to pass upon the petitioner as its material. The first Lodge complied with this request and upon the petitioner applying for the third degree to the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resided he was rejected. In this case the Grand Lodge outlined the following procedure:

If the petitioner was proper material, the Lodge that conferred the first two degrees should be requested to confer the third degree, the fee to be paid the Lodge whose material the applicant was by reason of his residing within its jurisdiction. If he was not desirable material objection to his receiving the third degree should be submitted in writing to the Lodge that had conferred the previous degrees, for consideration in accordance with the Constitution.

1907, pages 203, 204 and 222.
Constitution, Section 81.

No. 40. A resident of Arizona who receives the degrees in another grand jurisdiction without the

proper permission provided for in Section 94 of the Constitution, cannot be recognized as a Mason in Arizona until he shall have been accepted as a member by affiliation in the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he was a resident at the time he received the degrees. If his application is rejected he has no Masonic rights in this jurisdiction and is in the same position as a profane.

1912, pages 693, 694, 699 and 700.
1919, pages 445, 446 and 493.
1923, pages 428, 429 and 477.
Constitution, Section 94.

No. 41. In defining the geographical jurisdiction of Lodges in Arizona, the air line between two Lodges governs.

1915, pages 346 and 383.

No. 42. Where a petitioner for the degrees is required by State law to reside at a certain place, such as a County Seat, yet his residence may be considered as being elsewhere when evidenced by his intentions in registering and voting at a place other than where he is domiciled, and he is under the jurisdiction of the Lodge nearest the place of his avowed residence.

1915, pages 346, 347 and 683.
1925, pages 255, 256, 257, 258 and 318.

No. 43. The invasion of a foreign jurisdiction by Lodges in Arizona is strictly prohibited, but Masons as individuals and not as a representative

body, may assist their Brethren in another jurisdiction in degree work.

1921, pages 24 and 65.
1922, pages 216, 217 and 255.

LODGES.

No. 44. The Grand Master ordered the removal of a large wardrobe belonging to another Order from a Lodge room and recommended that, when it is possible, all other societies be precluded from using Masonic Lodge rooms.

1882, pages 10, 18 and 19.

Note by Committee: The above is not a "decision" but a recommendation made by the Grand Master and approved by the Grand Lodge.

No. 45. A Lodge is prohibited from contributing from its funds to the erection of a church, or for other outside purposes; the use of Lodge funds being restricted to charitable purposes and the legitimate working expenses of the Lodge.

1904, pages 676 and 695.
Regulation No. 14.

No. 46. A Lodge may hold its meetings in a building or hall controlled by another Order, provided that it is a safe and suitable place, not on a ground floor and has conveniences for storing the Lodge records and paraphernalia. A Lodge may occupy its place of meeting jointly with another Order or may sublet its place of abode to

another Order. However, while the above is the rule, yet a place for the exclusive use of the Lodge is much better.

1901, pages 361, 362 and 391.
1919, pages 444 and 493.

No. 47. A Lodge may remove from one meeting place to another in the town named in its dispensation or charter without any action of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. Section 76 of the Constitution refers only to towns or cities. The proper procedure for removal from one hall to another is as follows: Upon a motion to move having been duly made and seconded, notice should be given to each member of the day and time when such motion is to be acted upon. At such meeting a majority of the votes, with the consent of the Worshipful Master, or a two-thirds vote without his consent, will authorize the proposed removal; provided, that in every instance the proposed meeting place is a safe and suitable one.

1889, pages 17 and 18.
1917, pages 60, 61 and 89.
1919, pages 443 and 493.
Constitution, Section 76.

No. 48. A Lodge cannot hold a meeting in a place outside of the town or city named in its dispensation or charter, nor can a Worshipful Master open his Lodge at any other than the appointed place, even for the purpose of conducting a funeral. Section 76 of the Constitution does not authorize the Grand Master or the Grand

Lodge to approve such a procedure for temporary purposes, but refers only to a permanent removal from one community to another.

1921, pages 17, 18, 19 and 64.

No. 49. A Masonic Hall may be used for a dance, card party, or bazaar, but not for a raffle or any game of chance.

1913, pages 16 and 59.

No. 50. The issuance of a dispensation as provided in Section 34 (2d Subdivision) of the Constitution to hold a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of the Worshipful Master under the provisions of Section 102 will not be approved where the representation of the necessity therefor fails to show reasons why the Senior or Junior Wardens could not fill the Worshipful Master's place.

1920, pages 636 and 687.
Constitution, Sections 34 (2d Subdivision), 101, 102, 111 and 173.

Note by Committee: Where the Worshipful Master-elect was absent a dispensation to elect a successor would not be in order until the Worshipful Master holding over in accordance with Section 101 of the Constitution became disqualified for any reason under Section 173 of the Constitution.

No. 51. Each degree must be opened and closed in form, and a Worshipful Master cannot lawfully declare a Lodge open or closed without form or ceremony except for public installations. A

Lodge may be opened on any degree, called off and opened on another degree, but each degree must be opened and closed in form as set forth above, except, for the purpose of examination of candidates only, short form of calling off and on as prescribed on pages 470 and 471, Proceedings 1923, may be used.

1921, pages 24, 25 and 65.
1923, pages 426, 470, 471 and 476.

No. 52. No Lodge shall sublet its hall to a foreign Masonic body.

1900, pages 258 to 267, inc., 296 and 297.

No. 53. Where the Worshipful Master or either of the Wardens cannot attend communications of the Grand Lodge, a representative of the Lodge, even though elected in accordance with Section 173 (Representative) of the Constitution, is not entitled to cast the vote of his Lodge unless possessed of proper credentials, the form of which is set forth in Section 174 of the Constitution. The Worshipful Master has no authority to authorize a brother to represent a Lodge.

1916, pages 510, 511 and 548.
1920, pages 685 and 692.
Constitution, Sections 20, 21, 23, 173 and 174.

No. 54. In Grand Lodge each Lodge represented shall be entitled to three votes, to be cast by the Master, Wardens or duly elected Representative. All of the Past Masters of a Lodge

present are entitled to one vote collectively, except those that are voting as Grand officers or Past Grand elected officers. Where more than one is present they shall decide among themselves how their vote shall be cast. Each elected and appointed Grand officer present (except the Grand Tyler) shall be entitled to one vote. Each Past Grand elected officer present and not holding any office shall be entitled to one vote.

1887, pages 284, 285 and 286.
Constitution, Sections 19 to 24 inclusive.

MASONIC EMBLEMS.

No. 55. It is permissible and not inappropriate to place a Masonic inscription or emblem on a cornerstone when laid by the Grand Lodge at the instance of the proper authorities extending the invitation for the appropriate services of the Grand Lodge; and with whom the decision as to what shall be inscribed on the corner-stone or placed in the box, rests. Propriety usually prompts the authorities to confer with either the local Lodge or Grand Lodge in these matters, and in the event of any disagreement, the Grand Lodge should decline to act or participate.

1916, pages 531 and 554.

MASONIC HOME TRUSTEES.

No. 55a. A member of the Board of the Masonic Home Trustees elected to serve as Grand Master does not lose his membership on the Board. As Grand Master it is his prerogative to preside

at all meetings of the Board, but he shall have one vote only on all matters before it, except in cases of tie, when he shall have the deciding vote.

1923, pages 457, 458 and 479.

MASONIC LAW.

No. 56. All questions involving a discussion or construction of Masonic laws should be first submitted to the Grand Master and not the Grand Lodge.

1912, page 700.

MASONIC OFFENSES.

No. 57. A member cannot be suspended, in the same manner as though delinquent for dues, for failure to account to the Secretary for moneys received from a petitioner for degrees or a brother for dues. Such cases should be handled by charges preferred as provided in the Constitution.

1897, pages 13, 14 and 31.
Constitution, Section 129.

No. 58. If a brother, in his official capacity as cashier of a bank, receives money of another brother and issues a certificate of deposit for same and the bank thereafter fails and the depositing brother does not recover the money so deposited, the matter is a purely business transaction and does not constitute a Masonic offense and should not be brought into the Lodge. If, on the other hand, the brother took the money, in his official capacity as cashier, issuing a duplicate deposit slip therefor

and failed to give the depositing brother credit upon the books of the bank, then he is guilty of an offense against the laws of the State and should be dealt with accordingly.

1905, pages 13 and 31.

No. 59. A brother who does not pass a satisfactory examination in the lecture of the third degree as provided in Regulation No. 13 may be punished under Section 129 of the Constitution, and the time for him to sign the by-laws is regulated by the Constitution.

See also Decision No. 11aa.
1915, pages 344, 345 and 383.
1925, pages 253, 254 and 318.
Constitution, Section 129.
Regulation No. 13.

No. 60. Seven Master Masons, members of the Lodge, are required to constitute a quorum, except for conferring degrees. The Grand Master has no power to issue a dispensation permitting a Lodge to transact business with less than seven present.

1890, pages 78 and 87.
1896, pages 444, 455 and 456.

No. 61. The Grand Master has no authority to issue a dispensation permitting a Lodge to hold a stated communication at a date later than provided in its by-laws.

1921, pages 20, 21 and 65.

No. 61a. In the absence of the Master and the Wardens, a Lodge cannot be opened except by the Grand Master, or his legally authorized representative, who may call any Past Master to preside.

1923, pages 411, 428 and 476.

MEMBERSHIP.

No. 62. Where the degrees are conferred upon a petitioner by a Lodge at the request of another Lodge he is a member of the Lodge that elected him the same as though it had conferred the degrees.

1897, pages 13, 14 and 31.

OBJECTION.

No. 63. Only a member of the Lodge to which a petitioner for the degrees has been elected is entitled to enter an objection to the candidate's initiation. Where an objection is made by any other brother or Lodge, it rests entirely with the Worshipful Master as to what he deems best to do in each case.

1913, pages 16 and 59.
1917, pages 60 and 90.
1923, pages 429, 476 and 477.
Constitution, Section 81.

No. 64. Where an objection is made against a candidate after his election and prior to initiation in accordance with Section 81 of the Constitution, and before such objection is withdrawn, an

objection is made by another member under the same Section, upon the withdrawal of the objection by the first brother, the second objection must be recognized by the Worshipful Master.

1915, pages 369, 370 and 384.

No. 65. Where a Lodge has been regularly requested to confer the degrees on behalf of another Lodge, an objection made by a member of the Lodge requested to confer the degrees should be in writing, certified to by the Worshipful Master as having been made, and forwarded to the Lodge requesting the degrees. If the request is not withdrawn the case must be treated in the manner provided in Section 81 of the Constitution.

1921, pages 21, 22 and 65.
Constitution, Section 81.

Note by Committee: Obviously any adverse action taken under Section 81 of the Constitution would not affect the standing of the applicant with the Lodge that had elected him, and it could request another Lodge to confer the degrees instead of the one where the objection was entered. However, there is nothing to compel a Lodge to confer the degrees on behalf of another, it being a courtesy that may or may not be extended.

OFFICERS.

No. 65a. The Master has no authority to remove a Treasurer or Trustee from office without a trial by the Lodge.

1924, pages 37, 88, 89, 90 and 92.

PAST MASTER.

No. 66. The Grand Lodge of Arizona does not recognize the degree of Virtual Past Master.

1883, pages 50 and 63.

No. 67. The degree of Past Master is not an essential preliminary to installation.

1891, pages 129 and 144.

No. 68. In defining the title of Past Master in Section 173 (Past Master) of the Constitution the word "term" does not mean any specific number of days or weeks.

1916, pages 528, 529, 530, 531, 553 and 554.
1917, pages 61, 62 and 89.

No. 69. A Worshipful Master has the right to install his successor in office, he being a Past Master thereof by virtue of his having been elected and installed.

1916, pages 528, 529, 530, 531, 553 and 554.

PETITIONS.

No. 70. A personal interview by members of the investigating committee with a petitioner for the degrees is not necessary, provided they are able to satisfy themselves as to his eligibility through other sources.

1918, pages 249 and 297.

No. 71. Where a petitioner for the degrees leaves the jurisdiction of the Lodge that has received and referred his petition to an inves-

tigating committee, with the intention to reside elsewhere permanently and requests the withdrawal of his petition and fees, the committee may make a special report of "non-residence" and the Master can direct the withdrawal of the petition.

1918, pages 249 and 297.
Constitution, Section 78.

Note by Committee: This decision is not in agreement with Section 78 of the Constitution, and upon reconsideration by the Grand Lodge, would undoubtedly be reversed. "Insufficient residence" in Section 78 means that the petitioner has not resided within the State twelve months or in the jurisdiction of the Lodge six months, and the petition should therefore be withdrawn because it should never have been received by the Lodge. "Non-residence" by reason of the petitioner changing his place of abode after having petitioned for the degrees, is not "insufficient residence" within the meaning of the Constitution.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

No. 72. A petitioner is eligible where:

He is not entirely devoid of hearing.
1884, pages 139, 154 and 159.

He is afflicted with stammering or stuttering and can pass satisfactory examinations.
1923, pages 429 and 476.

A petitioner is ineligible where:

He is deaf.
1891, pages 130 and 144.

He has lost the third and little fingers of his right hand.

1888, pages 330, 345 and 346.
See Note 1 below.

He has lost the first joint of the index finger of the left hand.

1892, pages 187, 188 and 199.
See Note 2 below.

He has lost the first two fingers of the right hand.

1900, pages 267, 268, 269 and 298.
See Note 3 below.

He has lost one eye.

1888, pages 330, 345 and 346.
See Note 1 Below.

He has lost the sight of one eye.

1904, pages 676 and 696.
1923, pages 429 and 476.
See Note 5 below.

He has one foot off a few inches above the ankle.

1899, pages 173 and 204.
See Note 4 below.

He has one foot off above the ankle and wears an artificial foot.

1923, pages 428 and 476.

Note 1. It seems that it would be wiser at present to require all candidates to be physically sound, not dismembered, and to be able to conform literally to the requirements of the degrees of Masonry.

1888, pages 330, 345 and 346.

Note 2. Note 1 is plain enough and should enable the Worshipful Master to decide for himself and the rule above referred to is the law of the Grand Lodge and should be obeyed until changed or repealed.

1892, pages 187, 188 and 199.

Note 3. Refers to the decisions set forth in Notes 1 and 2 above and reaffirms the same.

1900, pages 267, 268, 269 and 298.

Note 4. Reaffirms Notes 1 and 2 and states an applicant must not be deformed or dismembered, but hale and sound in his physical conformation.

1899, pages 173 and 204.

Note 5. The Jurisprudence Committee had on previous occasions (Notes 1, 2, 3 and 4 above) expressed its views on the question of Physical Qualifications, which were adopted by the Grand Lodge, and had no reason for changing them at this time. Regulation No. 10 adopted in 1903, seems so plain that any Master or member of an investigating committee should be able to decide as to the eligibility of a candidate without asking the Grand Master for a decision in each case.

1904, pages 676 and 696.
See Regulation No. 10.

PUBLIC PARADES AND CEREMONIALS.

No. 73. It is not proper for a Lodge, or a Mason to appear in public in Masonic clothing, except on strictly Masonic occasions, which are limited to funerals when conducted by a lodge, the

dedication of Masonic buildings and the laying of cornerstones.

1894, pages 322 and 341.
Constitution, Section 85.

Note by Committee. However, on September 5, 1924, the Grand Master issued blanket permission to all Lodges permitting them to appear as such in Masonic clothing and participate in Defense Day parades and programs, which permission was approved by the Grand Lodge.

1925, pages 262, 263 and 308.

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS FOR DEGREES.

No. 74. All petitioners for the degrees must be able to read and write the English language, as the degrees may not be conferred in this Grand Jurisdiction in any other language.

1893, pages 252 and 274.
Regulation No. 10.

No. 75. A petitioner for the degrees must be twenty-one years of age, or over, at the time of presenting his petition.

1913, pages 17 and 59.
1919, pages 441, 442, and 493.

No. 76. A clandestine Mason is one who has received the degrees in a Lodge not recognized as regular by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction where it is located. No Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction is authorized to heal such a Mason. He stands as a profane and must regularly petition

for and receive the degrees in order to be recognized as a Mason.

1916, pages 527, 528 and 553.
Constitution, Section 93.

No. 77. Service in the army, of itself, does not cause a loss of residence of a petitioner for the degrees.

1920, pages 633 and 687.
Constitution, Section 77.

No. 78. The nationality of a petitioner for the degrees does not affect his eligibility.

1920, pages 633 and 687.
Regulation No. 10.

No. 79. An Entered Apprentice from a foreign jurisdiction, who has been granted a waiver in order that he may apply for the remaining degrees, must have resided in Arizona for a period of twelve months before his petition may be received.

1899, pages 174 and 204.
1907, pages 199 and 222.
1926, pages 498, 499 and 574.
Constitution, Section 77.

REJECTION.

No. 80. The failure of the Secretary to notify an applicant of his rejection does not affect the action of the lodge.

1919, pages 439 and 493.

RELIEF OF DISTRESSED AND INDIGENT.

No. 81. It is the Masonic principle of this Grand Jurisdiction that each Grand Lodge, as well as its subordinate Lodges, is responsible for the indigent of its own jurisdiction, and when a subordinate Lodge is unable to care for its needy, the Grand Lodge should supply the necessary relief.

1895, pages 388 and 400.
1907, pages 202, 203, 221 and 222.

No. 82. The family of an expelled member is not entitled to Masonic relief.

1916, pages 523, 524 and 553.

RESIDENCE.

No. 82a. A man who registers as a voter must state in his affidavit he will have resided in Arizona for one year immediately preceding the next election. In determining a petitioner's qualification as to residence, registration is prima facie evidence thereof.

1923 pages 428, 429, 476 and 477.
1925, pages 255, 256, 257, 258 and 318.

Note by Committee. While there is logic and sound reasoning in the observations (not quoted above) of the Grand Master on Masonic residence, yet his decision is strictly in accord with previous approved decisions and is not an exception to the rule. See Decision No. 42. The Grand Lodge has followed California in regarding legal residence and intention as having the greatest weight when applying the test of residence to a petitioner.

No. 82b. No period of residence is required before a Lodge may receive an application for affiliation.

See also Decision No. 6.
1925, pages 255 and 318.

RESIGNATION.

No. 82c. The resignation of a Grand Lodge officer should be presented to the Grand Master.

1925, pages 258 and 318.
Constitution, Section 173 (vacancy).

REVENUES.

No. 82d. Grand Lodge annual dues, or per capita tax, must be paid by Lodges annually on members holding Life Memberships.

1925, page 313.
Constitution, Section 32.

RITUAL

No. 83. The use of any form or publication or use of any printed or written ritual or cipher of our secret work is prohibited, and the violation of this rule is considered a Masonic offense.

1893, pages 255, 256 and 274.

SENTENCE

No. 84. A Lodge imposing a sentence upon a brother is the only one that may execute the same.

1891, pages 130 and 144.

No. 85. A sentence or reprimand cannot be given in any Lodge other than the one where the trial was had.

1892, pages 188 and 204.
Constitution, Section 158.

No. 86. A Lodge cannot compel the attendance of a brother for the purpose of receiving a sentence or reprimand, imposed at a trial. If he is summoned to appear and fails to show a valid excuse for not appearing, charges may be preferred for such disobedience, and the brother tried thereon.

1892, pages 188 and 204.
Constitution, Section 173 (Summons).

No. 86a. A sentence of suspension for unmasonic conduct must be for an indefinite period and not for twenty-four hours or other stated time.

1924, pages 37 and 82.
Constitution, Sections 158 and 162.

SUNDAY WORK

No. 87. No Lodge shall confer any degree of Masonry on Sunday, or conduct any other ceremony on that day, except funeral services or laying a corner-stone.

1889, pages 18 and 33.
1903, pages 577 and 603.

SUSPENSION

No. 88. The Senior Warden, in the absence of the Worshipful Master, has the power to suspend

the Junior Warden for non-payment of dues in accordance with the law governing such suspension.

1901, pages 359, 360 and 391.
Constitution, Sections 86 and 111.

No. 89. A brother suspended for non-payment of dues, and who petitions his Lodge for reinstatement after a lapse of one year from such suspension, but fails to receive the necessary three-fourths vote to restore him to good standing, remains in suspension, but he may again apply for reinstatement, or may be granted a Certificate of Withdrawal at his request.

1906, pages 31a and 34a or pages 117 and 120.
1907, pages 219 and 220.
Constitution, Section 86.

No. 90. A brother suspended for non-payment of dues is automatically restored to good standing upon payment within one year after such suspension of all dues accrued and no objection to such restoration shall be entertained and the Lodge must receive the arrearages and place him in good standing.

See also Approved Decision No. 26a.
1916, pages 524, 525 and 553.
Constitution, Section 86.

TEMPERANCE

No. 91. Masonry prohibits intemperance and excess, and no drunkard should be admitted to

the Order, or retained when good counsel, fraternal influence and friendly admonition fail to affect a reform. A laxity on the part of Lodges in disciplining offending members will entail a speedy revocation of their charters.

1887, pages 278 and 285.

The laws of the fraternity on the subjects of intemperance, gambling and profanity, if enforced, are a sufficient safeguard.

1889, page 17.

It is an unwritten law that applicants who sell liquor be rejected. Masons should not be engaged in pursuits subversive of the moral law. Drunkards, and the making of drunkards are offenses against Masonry, and Lodges are competent to admonish and discipline offenders.

1893, pages 259, 260, 269, 270, 273 and 274.

No. 92. No intoxicating wines or liquors are allowed to be used as a beverage at any banquet, luncheon or other entertainment held by a Lodge of this jurisdiction within any lodge room under its control.

1908, pages 301 and 329.

Note by Committee: This is in substance a resolution of the Committee on Jurisprudence and should have been incorporated in the Constitution or promulgated as a Regulation.

TRIALS

No. 93. The Grand Lodge only has the power to order a new trial of a brother, and this is not delegated to the Lodge or Worshipful Master.

1885, pages 186 and 203.

No. 94. Where the Worshipful Master prefers charges against a member of his Lodge, he cannot preside at the trial and should send the papers to the Grand Master.

1889, pages 18 and 39.

No. 95. Where the Worshipful Master is a witness at the trial of a brother he cannot preside at the sessions of the commissioners, and should send the charges to the Grand Master.

1889, pages 18 and 39.

No. 96. Where the Junior Warden has, by direction of the Master, preferred charges against a brother he cannot act as counsel for the accused. Neither may he withdraw such charges, so they may be preferred by another, to enable him to act as counsel. As he may also succeed to the duties of the Worshipful Master as presiding officer at trials, he should not act as counsel for the accused.

1891, pages 129, 130 and 144.

No. 97. At the trial of a brother, the Worshipful Master is competent to judge as to the privacy thereof, and to decide whether or not any member of the Lodge or a visitor may be present. The deliberation upon the verdict and

sentence by the commissioners must be in private, excepting only the Worshipful Master and Secretary.

1899, pages 174 and 204.
Constitution, Section 157.

No. 97a. The records of a trial are not open for merely curious inspection by any Mason, but only to those authorized to examine them. In case of the trial by one Lodge of a member of another Lodge, a committee appointed by the Master or Lodge to which the member tried belongs, has the right to inspect the record in possession of the Lodge conducting the trial.

1925, pages 259, 260, 261 and 318.

No. 97b. A Master Mason, who is a member of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, may be tried for unmasonic conduct by the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides. A verdict of expulsion can not be imposed, but the findings and recommendations of the Lodge should be transmitted to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, and the matter will be referred to the Grand Jurisdiction where the accused holds membership.

1925, pages 254, 255 and 318.
Constitution, Section 150.

No. 97c. At the request of the accused the date set for trial may be advanced by the Master to an earlier date than the one originally fixed by him.

1925, pages 259 and 318.
Constitution, Sections 151 and 152.

VISITATION

No. 98. The right of visitation is not an inherent one and may be accorded or not.

1891, pages 130 and 144.

No. 99. Where the Grand Lodge of Arizona has withdrawn recognition of another Masonic Grand Lodge, but no edict of non-intercourse with the latter's members has been issued, a brother owing allegiance thereto is entitled to visit Lodges in this jurisdiction.

1919, pages 440, 441 and 493.

VOTING

No. 100. A member who has failed to pass a satisfactory examination in the lecture of the Third Degree as required by Regulation No. 13 within six months after his raising, is thereafter prohibited from voting on any matters before the Lodge until he shall have passed such examination, except that he is entitled to and must vote in the usual manner on all petitions for the degrees and applications for affiliation.

1925, pages 248, 249, 250, 251 and 318.
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